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## GERMAN TROOPS CONCENTRATE AT GREEK FRONTIER

Indications Are That Operations  
Against the Anglo-  
French Forces Retreating  
Upon Saloniki Will Not  
Long Be Deferred.

Albania Expected Soon to Be  
Active Theater of War,  
Following Landing There  
of Italians in Force.

Greece Would Oppose Bul-  
garian Entry of Her Terri-  
tory—200,000 Abyssinians  
Offered to Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Although the Bul-  
garians have halted to the north of the  
Greek boundary and have made no at-  
tempt to follow the British and French  
forces falling back on Saloniki, there is  
a possibility that the operations against  
the entire allies may not long be de-  
ferred. Unofficial advice says that 60-  
000 Germans are now at Givelli, near  
the Greek border, and that others are  
approaching.

France and Great Britain, however,  
continue to land additional forces of  
men and arms and ammunition at Sa-  
loniki, and a Saloniki dispatch quotes a  
high officer there as saying that the  
entire allies will not quit Saloniki un-  
til peace is signed.

It is definitely announced that the  
Italians have effected a landing on the  
Albanian coast. The Anglo-French  
forces' Saloniki reinforcements include  
some heavy naval guns.

It is not stated how large a force the  
Italians will send to the assistance of  
the Serbians and Montenegrins, but  
from the fact that the official account  
intimates that landings have been made  
at more than one port, it is taken for  
granted that an army of considerable  
proportions is to be sent across the Ad-  
riatic.

Threat to Tension Right Flank.  
This, with the Montenegrins and Ser-  
bians who escaped from Albania, will  
be a serious threat to the Central Pow-  
ers' right flank, while they can never  
look on in idleness to the concentration  
of an army at Saloniki, which at a  
chosen moment would undertake an of-  
fensive, and to the gathering of Rus-  
sians in Bessarabia.

It is anticipated, therefore, that the  
Germans will strike at Saloniki before  
the Anglo-French forces grow too strong,  
and it is believed with good reason  
that they are now negotiating with the  
Greek Government.

If their plans include the participation  
of the Bulgarians in the attack, they  
are likely to meet with opposition from  
Greece, which is strongly adverse to  
Bulgarians crossing her frontier. This  
applies also to some extent to the Aus-  
trians, whose prohibitions always have  
been for a port on the Aegean, prefer-  
ably Saloniki.

Meanwhile the Austro-Hungarians and  
Bulgarians continue to push farther into  
Montenegro and along the Albanian  
frontier. To the west of Ipek in Mon-  
tenegro they are declared by Vienna to  
have forced the Montenegrins to re-  
treat toward Plava and Gushin, which  
lie in the direction of the north Al-  
banian frontier.

Heights Captured by Austrians.  
The capture of the heights north of  
Belopole and ground half way between  
Razak and Berane is also reported by  
Vienna.

Again from the French front come  
only reports of artillery and mining op-  
erations. On the Russian front scarcely  
any fighting is taking place. Bom-  
bardments, however, are in progress  
along the Austro-Italian line, with no  
appreciable changes in the positions of  
either side.

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on the Gallipoli Peninsula is bombard-  
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Albania. Operations in this new the-  
ater are expected to begin soon.

## MUCH COLDER TONIGHT, LOWEST TEMPERATURE 18

THE TEMPERATURES.  
5 a. m. 20° 10 a. m. 24°  
8 a. m. 24° 1 p. m. 24°  
11 a. m. 24° 2 p. m. 24°  
Yesterday's Temperatures.  
High 20 at 3 p. m. Low 12 at 3 a. m.



## PRINCE OF WALES WOULD BE MECHANIC IF HE LOST TITLE

Heir to Throne Quoted as Saying He  
Would Not Be Surprised if Re-  
public Should Follow From War.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Prince of  
Wales is not at all alarmed by the  
views of many onlookers that Great  
Britain will become a republic after the  
war. On one of his recent flying visits  
to London from the front he was dis-  
cussing the question of what would  
happen if such a change came about.

He is quoted as saying he would not be  
at all surprised if a republic should fol-  
low the war.

Asked what he would do if the mon-  
archy went by the board, the Prince re-  
plied that he was prepared to become  
a motor mechanic. He suggested that  
his brother, Prince Henry, should be-  
come a carpenter, the King a mariner  
and Princess "Mary-of-all-trades" a  
horse breaker.

## MEN MAY SOON HAVE TO WEAR WHITE BUTTONS ON CLOTHING

Shavings in Colored Ones and Log-  
wood Dyes Expected to Force the  
Change.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—White  
buttons may soon be worn by men on  
overcoats and business suits. The  
reason is that the logwood dyes used  
in the manufacture of buttons are in  
short supply.

As things look now it means white  
buttons or none at all, "Weicht said.

## TOO BUSY TO SHOVEL SNOW

New York Has Difficulty Getting  
Men to Clean Streets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Commissioner  
Fletcher yesterday blamed the re-  
turn of prosperity for tardiness in snow  
removal. Out of more than 20,000 men  
who registered some months ago on the  
city's "snow list" as shovelers, scarcely  
more than 600 reported last Monday  
night when they got the storm sum-  
mons.

Since then there has been even great-  
er difficulty in getting shovelers. It  
is said, owing to the "call" of the railroads  
and ammunition factories.

## CORPORATE BODY HAS A SOUL

Iowa Supreme Court Finds It Guilty  
of Malicious Prosecution.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 17.—The Iowa  
Supreme Court yesterday ruled that a  
corporation has a soul when it affirmed  
a decision awarding Henry L. White  
\$2500 damages from the International  
Textbook Co., which he charged with  
malicious prosecution. The company's  
defense was that there could be no  
malicious prosecution since a corpora-  
tion has no soul or personality.

"Modern tendencies are more and more  
toward regarding a corporation as pos-  
sessing a soul," said the Court's deci-  
sion.

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## ASQUITH'S WIFE, IN COURT, ACCUSES PAPER OF LIBEL

Her Attorney Asks That London  
Globe Be Restrained From  
Printing Attacks.

DESCRIBED AS TRAITOR

She Was Accused of Disloyalty  
Through Association With  
German Prisoners.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Herbert H.  
Asquith, wife of the Premier, ap-  
peared as a plaintiff in Chancery Court  
today, demanding an order to restrain  
the Globe from the publication of al-  
leged libels. Mrs. Asquith's attorney  
said:

"For a whole fortnight before the  
issue of this writ Mrs. Asquith has  
been deliberately pursued in the de-  
fendant's newspaper with accusations  
of disloyalty and of association with  
German prisoners at Downing Hall. She  
has been described as a traitor and a  
disgrace to her sex, and attacked in  
most opprobrious terms. These attacks  
were systematically and malevolently  
maintained and only suspended after the  
writ had been issued."

The attorney opposed the Globe's  
request for a postponement, urging  
the Court not to deprive the plaintiff  
of an opportunity to clear herself  
publicly.

"The persecution of Mrs. Asquith has  
been going on nearly a whole year," he  
said. "It began last spring in another  
newspaper which the defendant doubt-  
less would say was of a lower class  
than the Globe. That paper had to  
apologize publicly and at Mrs. Asquith's  
request pay £100 to the Red Cross fund."

"The same pen who disseminated these  
libels through the Globe sent sheaves  
of anonymous letters to the plaintiff  
and imputations against her were made  
in social circles. The matter has now  
come to a head in a form where the  
defendants can be brought to account  
and made to give their reasons for the  
accusations."

## MARCONI MAKES HIS DEBUT AS A SENATOR OF ITALY

Addresses Colleagues on Plan of Re-  
ducing Freight Rates on Supplies  
for the Allies.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Guglielmo Marconi  
made his debut as a Senator yesterday,  
speaking on the statement made Dec.  
16 by Foreign Minister Sonnino relative  
to Italy's policy. Senator Marconi said  
that among the belligerent countries he  
had visited, Italy is the one where the great-  
est liberty is enjoyed.

He pointed out that the Italian, Brit-  
ish, French and Russian fought  
with equal valor, but that all needed  
perfect reciprocal assistance in the mat-  
ter of supplies and the commercial  
fields. He hinted at the possibility that  
the entente Governments might require  
aid in the craft in their mercantile man-  
agement with a view of obtaining low  
freight rates for the transportation of  
the most needed necessities.

## NEW FOUNDLAND RESTRICTS EXPORT OF COD LIVER OIL

Will Only Be Shipped to British Con-  
suls in Boston and New York  
and Two Firms.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 17.—Restrictions  
by the New Foundland Govern-  
ment on the export of cod liver oil were  
announced today. Because information  
had been received that a large quantity  
of oil had found its way to Germany,  
where the glycerine contained it could  
be utilized in the manufacture of ex-  
plosives, the Government canceled all  
the licenses under which traders for-  
merly exported the product.

Hereafter oil may be sent  
to the United States only if consigned to the  
British Consul-Generals at New York or  
Boston or to two firms which have been  
indorsed by the consulates.

SALEM, N. J., Dec. 17.—Detectives of  
the Du Pont Powder Co. yesterday ar-  
rested John X. Szodoba, 56 years old, a  
former employee of the corporation.

Szodoba was arrested at his home at  
Penn Grove, near one of Du Pont's largest  
plants. Detectives say they found in  
his room gunpowder, nitroglycerine, dy-  
namite and black powder of the finest  
quality. The explosives, the prisoner  
told the magistrate, had been left in his  
room by fellow boarders.

The prisoner, who speaks French and  
German, had been followed two weeks.  
He was employed in the No. 1 plant of  
the Du Pont company's plant at Penn  
Grove, having been hired about Sept. 1.  
A few weeks ago an order was issued  
by the company that all employees would  
have to be photographed and when this  
order became effective Szodoba gave up  
his job.

## 10,000 DEATHS FROM CHOLERA IN PHILIPPINES LAST YEAR

Army Medical Officer Tells Senate  
Committee Native Doctors Could  
Not Cope With Malady.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Because na-  
tive Philippine health officers failed to  
cope with an epidemic of cholera in the  
islands in the last year, there were 10,000  
deaths, Capt. R. C. Helebrant, of the  
Army Medical Corps, today told the Sen-  
ate Philippines Committee.

Only nine cases, he said, had come to  
the direct attention of the army physi-  
cians, and assistance of the Americans  
was not welcomed by the native doctors.

## 'RED' MURPHY KILLED IN CLUB, INQUEST SHOWS

Policemen Found Bullets in  
Walls and on Floor at 1420  
N. Seventh Street.

BODY CARRIED TO LOT

Six Men Held and Police Are  
Searching for Two Others  
Recently Wounded.

Testimony at the inquest begun to-  
day into the death of John ("Red")  
Murphy, gangster, of 1021 Howard  
street, who was found yesterday af-  
ternoon on a lot at Sixth street and  
Cass avenue with four bullet wounds  
in his head and body, indicated that  
he was killed in a gang fight in a  
clubroom in the rear of 1420 North  
Seventh street, in which at least  
seven shots were fired.

Policemen testified that seven bul-  
let marks were found on the walls of  
the clubroom and that five flattened  
bullets were found on the floor. Five  
of the bullet marks were on the south  
wall and two on the north wall.

Murphy's Hat a Room.  
There was a pool of blood on the floor,  
on which ashes had been thrown, and  
blood spots on the door sill. Murphy's  
hat was found in the room. There were  
evidences of a struggle. There had been  
a fresh fall of plastering. Most of the  
meager furnishings had been removed.

Mike Tadachie, of 1416 North Sixth  
street testified that he heard shots in  
the clubroom at about 11:30 o'clock  
Wednesday night, followed by voices in  
the alley. The conversation indicated  
that something was being carried. There  
was a light in the clubroom.

Testimony of members of the club,  
who are held by the police, was that  
James Feeney locked up the place at  
7 o'clock Wednesday night. Feeney  
testified that he closed up Wednesday  
night after putting out the light, but  
when he passed there at 7 o'clock  
Thursday morning the lamp was  
burning. He returned at noon and the  
stove, table and chairs had been re-  
moved. He denied that he saw blood  
stains.

The inquest was continued to to-  
morrow for further testimony.

The body, partially concealed by a  
billboard and an old boiler, appeared  
to have been on the vacant lot since the  
night before, exposed to the rain and  
dew. It was discovered by Grenda Pow-  
ers and Mary Milark, employed in the  
neighborhood, and the police were not-  
ified.

## SIX MEN ARRESTED

Six men have been arrested and are  
held by the police in connection with  
the killing. They are John O'Hara, 24  
years old, of 1331 North Seventh street;  
John Dwyer, 25, 112 North Seventh  
street; James Feeney, 25, 421 North  
Market street; James Murphy, 35, 233  
St. Louis avenue; John Balzer, 24, 1733  
O'Fallon street, and John Marchlewsky,  
24, 1317 North Eighth street.

The police are searching for Bart  
O'Donnell, 25, of 112 North Seventh  
street, who was found shot and wounded  
on the night of Nov. 20, at Eleventh and  
O'Fallon streets. John O'Hara was  
taken from his home on the night of  
Sept. 20, with five bullet wounds in his  
breast and arms.

Both O'Donnell and O'Hara were fre-  
quenters of the clubroom.

Murphy, the police say, was much in  
the company of O'Donnell, and was  
considered one of his henchmen. He  
had a police record and had served  
terms in the reform school and the  
workhouse.

## FORMER EMPLOYE OF DU PONT POWDER PLANT IS ARRESTED

Declares Explosives Found in His  
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## 650,000 ESTATE IN 25 YEARS IS INCREASED TO \$8,000,000

Final Adjudgment Made of Property  
of Late C. J. Harrah of the  
Midvale Steel Company.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—In the final  
adjudication of the estate of Charles J.  
Harrah, former president of the Midvale  
Steel Co., who died in 1900, approxi-  
mately \$8,000,000 is to be distributed  
among the heirs.

When the estate came into the hands  
of the executors 25 years ago it was ap-  
praised at \$650,000. Since then it has in-  
creased to more than \$8,000,000.

## LORD KITCHENER REPORTED ENGAGED TO LADY MINTO

Countess, Said to Be Fiancee of  
British War Secretary, Was  
Vicereine of India.

FAMOUS AS A BEAUTY

Late Husband Was for Six Years  
Governor-General of Canada  
—Has Grownup Children.

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch  
and the New York World.  
LONDON, Dec. 17.—It is learned on  
excellent authority that the engagement  
of Earl Kitchener of Khartoum to the  
Dowager Countess of Minto will be an-  
nounced shortly.

The Countess has been a widow for  
almost two years, her husband, the  
Earl of Minto, having died on Feb. 23,  
1914. He was Viceroy of India in suc-  
cession to Lord Curzon of Kedleston,  
who resigned the vicereinecy because  
the home Government supported Lord  
Kitchener, then Commander in Chief of  
the Indian army, in his dispute with  
Lord Curzon over the reorganization of  
the army.

Earl Minto went to India from Canada,  
where he was Governor-General for six  
years.

Countess's Father Gen. Grey.  
The Countess of Minto is the daughter  
of the late General Charles Grey and a  
first cousin of the present Earl Grey.  
She is considered one of the most tal-  
ented noblewomen in England and in  
her younger days was famous for her  
beauty. She has five children, the eldest  
born in 1884. The present Earl of Minto  
was born in 1891. Her three daughters  
are all married.

The fact that Earl Kitchener has al-  
ways been understood to hold that a  
soldier should be wedded to his profes-  
sion and take no other bride, will add  
to the tremendous popular interest in  
his marriage, although this is consid-  
ered by those who know best to have  
been only a popular myth. "It is said  
that there is a Countess, who in years  
gone by might have been Lady Kitch-  
ener had she chosen."

Countess Visited Newport.  
The Dowager Countess of Minto, with  
her daughter, Lady Ellen Elliott, visit-  
ed Newport in 1903, during her husband's  
term of office as Governor-General of  
Canada and became very popular in so-  
ciety. Later, with her sister, the  
Countess of Canada, at least, the news  
that the Countess of Minto is to be mar-  
ried will be at least as important as  
the fact that she is to marry the fa-  
mous Field Marshal and Secretary of  
War. During her six years' residence  
at Minto Hall her beauty, her generous  
disposition and her large charities all  
made their appeal, but her active work  
as a "boomer" for Canada made her  
especially beloved.

She Has Gifted Pen.  
Lady Minto has a gifted pen, and she  
found time from the duties of presi-  
dent over the viceregal household in  
Montreal to contribute a number of  
articles to English and American mag-  
azines extolling the beauties of Cana-  
dian scenery, the wealth of Canada's  
natural resources and the opportunities  
awaiting those who "could become Can-  
adians."

While in India the Earl and Countess  
of Minto had one narrow escape from  
death, when, on Nov. 13, 1909, at Ahme-  
dabad, two bombs were thrown at their  
carriage by a native fanatic, neither of  
them exploding.

## ARRESTED FOR BACK-FIRING AUTO

General Disturbance of Peace Charged  
Against Chauffeur.

George L. Swank, a chauffeur, read-  
ing at 4814 Delmar boulevard, was ar-  
rested today for back-firing his auto-  
mobile at Walton avenue and Delmar  
avenue and Delmar boulevard. A charge  
of general peace disturbance was placed  
against him.

Robert J. Park, manager of a gaso-  
line filling station where Swank was  
employed, also was taken into custody  
for using objectionable language in  
commenting on Swank's arrest. Both  
men were booked for Police Court.

## SHELL FALLS NEAR CHURCHILL

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Winston Spencer  
Churchill, who resigned his portfolio of  
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in  
order to join his regiment at the front,  
had a narrow escape a few days ago, ac-  
cording to wounded men who have ar-  
rived at home.

These men say that Churchill's dugout  
was hit by a German shell.

## Lord Minto's Widow Reported to Be Engaged to Earl Kitchener



LADY MINTO.

## POLICE TOLD TO SUPPRESS STORE GAMBLING DEVICES

Chief Young's Orders Include  
Slot Machines, Pull-off Cards  
and Children's Games.

Every gambling device used by saloon  
keepers and small tradesmen in St.  
Louis must be immediately discarded  
under an order issued today by Chief  
of Police Young to the Captains.

The order directs the Captains to have  
slot machines, grab bags, punch boards  
and pull-off cards and all other gam-  
bling devices "immediately and effec-  
tually suppressed."

Tradesmen who refuse or neglect to  
remove the devices are to be arrested  
and warrants against them are to be  
applied for. In cases of arrest the de-  
vices are to be confiscated and held as  
evidence. Agents of other representa-  
tives of concerns supplying such de-  
vices are to be arrested if caught selling them.

Children Play Games.  
The action was decided upon by Chief  
Young after he had received reports  
from various Captains that the gam-  
bling devices in saloons, drug stores,  
groceries, confectioneries and other re-  
tail stores had become a great and  
growing evil and that children were  
being demoralized and taught to gamble.

Chief Young received an opinion from  
the Circuit Attorney's office that the  
various schemes of chance were gam-  
bling devices and that the attempt to  
evade the law by giving each investor  
something for the money received did  
not change the essential gambling char-  
acter of the transaction.

Pupils Lured by Games.  
The epidemic started with punch  
boards in saloons and cigar shops. As  
long as it was confined to these places  
the police did not think it necessary to  
molest them, but the punch boards  
were followed by the appearance of a  
number of devices that were intended  
to appeal to children. They were placed  
on the counters of retail stores visited  
by children, particularly in the neigh-  
borhood of the schools and children  
who came to make a penny or nickel  
purchase were invited to try their luck.  
They were told that they would get  
something for the penny or nickel and  
would have a chance to win a prize.

Chief Young was asked what he was  
going to do about the handbooks. He  
said that he was going to attend to  
them in a day or two. He was laying  
his plans, he said, and "had a surprise  
in store" for the handbook men, but  
could not divulge his purposes yet.

## PENROSE LEADS FIGHT ON REVENUE TAX BILL IN SENATE

Statesman Declares War Has Made  
Emergency Revenue Less Nec-  
essary Because of Advantages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Extension  
of the emergency revenue act, already  
passed in the House, was taken up in  
the Senate today with debate in which  
the Democrats uniformly spoke for its  
passage and the Republicans attacked  
the tariff as having made it necessary.

Senator Penrose, leading the Repub-  
lican attack, declared the European  
war had not made the emergency taxes  
necessary, but as a matter of fact, had  
made them less necessary, because the  
fiscal condition of the Government had  
been improved by the commercial



# PICTURES T. R. AS GERMAN-AMERICAN CANDIDATE IN 1916

Prof. Muensterberg, in "The Fatherland," Explains Strange Political Possibility.

## "PRO-GERMAN AT HEART"

"Good Fortune if He Had Been in White House in August, 1914."

By Leased Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Theodore Roosevelt, who wants the United States to go to war with Germany because of the invasion of Belgium, has been a presidential candidate of the German-American vote, is the vision which Prof. Hugo Muensterberg of Harvard sets forth in the forthcoming issue of the Fatherland.

"From this day on," says Prof. Muensterberg, "those around Wilson know that it may happen that Roosevelt will be carried into the White House on German-American shoulders."

He bases this conclusion on a recent article by the Colonel, on "Germany's Lessons for the United States," which he describes as "the bridge over which the German-Americans can reach the Roosevelt camp again."

Prof. Muensterberg goes on to explain that no German-American need take the Colonel's denunciation of the German cause seriously, because "no one takes him without a grain of salt. It would be simply absurd to measure his words by the same scale as those of Root, Taft or Wilson."

"I have not the slightest doubt that there could have been no greater good fortune for Germany, so far as America is concerned, than if Roosevelt had been President in August, 1914."

"Would Have Halted England." The reason for this view is that in that case the Colonel, in the professor's view, would have resisted "England's attack against America's independence" and "a dam would have been built against the flood of lies which inundated the country."

"The psychological equation of his personality," explains the distinguished German psychologist, "makes him a pro-German in all that is best in him, and only his temper and his perpetual desire to be with the masses made him a pro-ally."

Passing thence to a more general view, the professor foresees that after the war will come a reorganization of America, which will "imbue the American nation with German ideals," and "no one is so well prepared as Roosevelt to hear this new call."

German-American Strength. Still Prof. Muensterberg observes that "it would be a new political blunder of the German-Americans—if they were to break with President Wilson completely," and by comparison with the Massachusetts election, he reaches the conclusion that "the presidential elections will be decided by German-Americans, and both sides know it."

Although publishing Prof. Muensterberg's letter, Mr. Viereck, the Fatherland editor, disagrees with him in a foreword, in which he says: "It seems to us inconceivable that the German-Americans could support Roosevelt in view of his insults and gratuitous assaults on the good name of the German race. We do not believe that German-Americans will have to choose between the devil of Rooseveltism and the deep sea of Wilson."

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# 60,000 Germans Said to Be Near Border of Greece

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ter of war are expected to be on a grand scale. The Italians, in strength, are already safely ashore at Avlona, as well as at certain other points of strategic importance.

For years Avlona has been regarded by Italy and Austria alike as a key to the Adriatic, and it is a maxim in southern Central Europe that whoever commands Avlona commands the Adriatic. For several months Avlona has been occupied by a small force of Italian for police purposes.

The anxiety with which Italy watches the Albanian coast is due to the existence there of good harbors, in contrast with the absence of such harbors along the Italian shore. Should any of these harbors fall into hostile hands the Italian fleet would be gravely handicapped. Subsequent fighting, continues along the Servians and the Bulgarians along the Drin River in Albania.

## ALLIES ACCUSED OF WANTON ACTS

Turks Say Russians Fired on Noncombatants, Destroyed U. S. Building.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The charge that Russian warships several months ago destroyed a building flying the American flag is made in an official publication of the Turkish Government, the

# Austrian Charge Who Discusses Ancona Dispute With Lansing



Baron Burian, Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Overseas News Agency announced today. The statement follows: "The Turkish Government has published reports concerning violations of international law by the enemy. Among them the following: "On July 18 and 19 enemy airmen shelled the hospital at Hovouslou-Dort-nop.

"Turkish prisoners were treated inhumanely by the French and British and forced to assist in front of the works near Seddul-Bahr.

"The enemy fired with machine guns on peaceful inhabitants of Dikili, in Karasi, Asiatic Turkey.

"On July 6, Russian torpedo boats destroyed a United States building flying the United States flag at Port."

Italian Steamer, 5167 Tons, Reported to Be Sunk.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Italian steamer Porto Said, 5167 tons, has been sunk, it was announced here. She sailed from Genoa Nov. 17 for Alexandria.

Reichstag Adopts Schedule of Cheaper Food Prices.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The Budget Committee of the Reichstag has adopted various resolutions looking to the regulation and cheapening of food supplies. These resolutions include a reduction in the maximum price of sugar and by-products, the fixing of maximum prices for rice and vegetables of all kinds, as well as foodstuffs for livestock and providing for special allowances of grain to breeders of animals and poultry.

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MARSEILLES, France, Dec. 17.—Seven hundred and fifty Bulgarian, German and Austro-Hungarian officers taken prisoner by the Servians, and 40,000 soldiers captured in Serbia, arrived here during the night on their way to a concentration camp.

Famous Krupp Gun Said to Have Been Demolished.

ROME, Dec. 17.—A correspondent of the Italian National telegraphs from the front that one of the famous Krupp 42-centimeter guns was brought from Germany recently and placed, in position before Rovereto. The gun was fired 15 times without doing any damage, he says, and then the Italians located it and demolished it with a few well-placed shells.

2,000,000 Men Reported to Have Been Halted Under English Plan.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—It seems to be generally taken for granted that during the seven weeks when the recruiting plan of the Earl of Derby was in operation an aggregate of 2,000,000 men enlisted, of whom more than 250,000 made direct enlistments for immediate service. These figures are now being freely quoted in political circles, but the percentage of single men enlisted.

Bulgaria Preparing to Raise an Additional Army of 150,000.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—An Athens dispatch to the Havas Agency, dated Wednesday, says the Greek loan from Sofia which the Bulgarian Government is pre-

# GERMAN PAPERS DELIGHTED WITH AUSTRIAN REPLY

Generally Regarded as a "Masterpiece" in Finding "Weak Spots" in U. S. Note.

## MUCH PRAISE FOR BURIAN

One Journal Suggests Commission to Explain Teutonic Attitude in America.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 17.—Seldom has a diplomatic document of a war series met with such general approval in German circles as the answer of Baron Burian, Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, to the note from the United States regarding the Ancona case. The reply is regarded not only as a success in finding weak points in Secretary Lansing's logic, but as a dignified reply to the American demands for a prompt disavowal and punishment of the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona.

The German notes in the Lusitania correspondence all had their critics, some finding Germany too conciliatory and others insufficiently adept, but the general opinion expressed in political circles is that Baron Burian struck exactly the right note and by inviting Washington to enter on an interchange of views and submit some proof for the charges, shifted the onus of defense to the shoulders of the American Government.

"Cannot Be Intimidated." The Tagliche Rundschau says President Wilson will be undeceived if he had hoped to intimidate Austria-Hungary through a note, the tone of which, it says, would have excited remark even if addressed to a South American country. The newspaper finds Baron Burian's answer, which it says is couched in the most polite phrases of European diplomacy, was the only possible one which could have been given to the note, and that it maintains the prestige and interests of Austria-Hungary cleverly and energetically.

"If it receives an unfriendly reception in America," the Rundschau continues, "Burian may console himself with the fact that all the conciliation of the German Government has met only with unfriendliness—even hostility."

Offenses Against Teutons. The Tagliche Rundschau reviews a long list of alleged offenses against the Teutonic Powers, including the demand for recall of Capt. Boy-Ed and von Papen, and of Dr. Dumba, and points to President Wilson's recent message to Congress as a sign that the British in the United States are trying to bring about a breach in the relations between that country and the Teutonic Powers and the open participation in the war of the United States on the side of Great Britain. In conclusion the newspaper suggests that the best and perhaps the only way of improving German-American relations would be to dispatch an extraordinary mission to the United States to lay the situation clearly before the American people in an endeavor to clarify it.

The Post calls the Austrian answer a diplomatic masterpiece. It says that Baron Burian touched the proper chord by not losing himself in a discussion of generalities and the principles which the United States refused to recognize and to which the rest of the world pays little attention, but pinned the discussion down to individual cases in which proof and counter-proofs may be sharply arrayed and the slender foundations of the American testimony hewn away by the sharp ax of logic.

# ABYSSINIA OFFERS ARMY TO ALLIES

Young Emperor Proposes to Put 200,000 Men in Field as Required.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Lidji Jassau, the young Emperor of Abyssinia, is so favorably disposed toward the entente allies that he not only resisted efforts of German agents to induce him to abrogate treaties with Great Britain, Italy and France last year, but offered 200,000 soldiers to be used by the allies as their military necessities demanded, according to Pierre Alpy, a member of the Colonial Committee of the Chamber of Deputies.

Alpy made the assertion in connection with the resolution now before the Foreign Affairs and Colonial Committee of the Chamber, offered by Gratien Candace, a deputy from Guadeloupe, that the French Government, in accord with the allies of France, seek immediately the means of securing the co-operation of Abyssinian troops under a guarantee of the independence of that country.

With regard to this proposition, it is recalled that the late King Menelik concluded a treaty of alliance with France in 1907. Alpy pointed out that the French railroad connecting the French port of Jibuti with Addis Abeba in Abyssinia would make possible the rapid transportation of troops to the coast, where within four days they could reach Suva, or in five days Basora in Mesopotamia.

The Abyssinian troops, he also said, are well armed, having from 800,000 to 1,000,000 modern rifles, all manufactured since 1911, partly in Germany, but for the most part by Belgium.

The co-operation of the Japanese fleet is suggested for the transportation of Abyssinian troops to Egypt or Mesopotamia.

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Disturbance Feared; Trial Put Off.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The trial of Raoul Villain on a charge of murder growing out of the assassination of Jean Leon Jaures, the French Socialist leader, to have begun next week, has been postponed on the ground that the proceedings might disturb the public peace.

# FLETCHER NAMED NEW AMBASSADOR AT MEXICO CITY

Confirmation Will Restore Diplomatic Relations, Broken Nearly Three Years Ago.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Henry Fletcher, now Ambassador to Chile, was nominated by President Wilson today for Ambassador to Mexico.

Blasco Ibañeta already has been appointed Mexican Ambassador to the United States and Mr. Fletcher's nomination today restores diplomatic relations between the two countries, broken off nearly three years ago.

# GIRL WHO LOST BOTH ARMS IN MACHINE OPERATED ON AGAIN

Local Anesthetic Used and Miss Montmann is Able to Watch Surgeons at Work.

Miss Mary Montmann, 15 years old, of 340 Michigan avenue, who lost both arms in a machine at which she was employed at the Fulton Bag Co., 505 South Seventh street, underwent another operation at the city hospital this morning. An inch more was taken from her right arm, which had been amputated about midway between the elbow and shoulder. It had failed to heal properly.

The operation was a slight one, in which a local anesthetic was used, and the girl was able to watch the surgeons at work.

Warrants were issued yesterday on complaint of State Factory Inspector Johnson against F. W. Hummert, superintendent of the bag company, charging him with employing a minor, with failing to testify to the employment before a factory inspector, with requiring the girl to work at a mechanically-operated press, and with failing to properly guard the machine.

A bridge and 500 party is to be given at the Planters Hotel Friday for the girl's benefit. More than 1000 tickets at \$1 each have been sold.

# MAN WHO EMBEZZLED \$51,500 FROM EMPLOYERS IS FREED

Case Against Edwin F. Pritchard Nolle Prossed—Will Get Out of Position Back.

When Edwin F. Pritchard of 230 South Twelfth street was called to trial in Judge Fisher's court today on a charge of embezzling \$51,500 from the Hoescher Bros. Builders' Supply Co., at 404 Easton avenue, Assistant Circuit Attorney McDaniel entered a nolle pross.

Pritchard confessed his shortage Nov. 6. McDaniel told the Court there seemed to be no dispute on the part of the Hoescher company or the National Surety Co. to prosecute Pritchard, but that, on the contrary, Charles W. Schaeffer, his employer, had offered to give him back his job and the Hoescher company had recommended improving on the part of the fact that Pritchard had voluntarily confessed the shortage. McDaniel told the Court that after Pritchard was arrested he was permitted to go free at Schaeffer's request, so that he should keep an engagement to take a young woman to a dance.

CAPT. VON PAPEN SAID TO WANT TO GO TO MEXICO

Was Accredited There in Huerta Regime—Reported Not Desirous of Returning to Germany.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—According to persons in close touch with the movements of Capt. Franz von Papen, Military Attaché of the German Embassy, information has been sent to the State Department that the recalled German representative wants to go to Mexico instead of to Germany.

Von Papen was accredited to Mexico during the Huerta regime, and it is assumed that his status has not changed.

conciliatory; indeed, it is hardly polite in tone." The Standard, in an editorial, says it considers the Austrian reply as almost impudent in its satirical assumption that at the Washington Government is prepared to traverse once more the whole ground of the Lusitania controversy, and the paper therefore sees no prospect of an amicable agreement, although it says Mr. Wilson gives Austria every opportunity to save her face.

In a general discussion of the relations of America with the Teutonic Powers, the Standard says it could not regard a rupture of relations with either Austria or Germany as a positive gain, because it would probably lead to an abandonment of such small regard for so far thought fit to retain. The paper continues:

"We are too apt to forget the debt we owe to the restraining influence of American diplomatists in enemy countries, and subjected territory."

"We may be quite sure that that broad humanitarian considerations of this character explain a great deal of President Wilson's unwillingness to take any irretrievable steps."

Paris Figure Predicts Prompt Break With Austria.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—"We shall be very astonished if the American Government does not reply to the Austrian note by simply instructing Ambassador Panfilov to ask for his passport and by handing his passport to the Austrian charge at Washington," says the Figure.

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General Manager of Plant, Which Has Wires Along Two Blocks, Wires \$600 Is Needed at Once or It Will Be Closed Down.

More details of Henri Chouteau's amazing activities as a promoter of a half-dozen public utilities became known today when Post-Dispatch reporters learned that he had installed two boys under age as the president and treasurer of the Northeast Electric Co., which he formed to furnish electricity at Naples, Tex., a town of 115 population.

These boys, John J. Gindra and Ernest Baldwin, signed bonds issued by the company, of which \$8000 worth are now held by Mrs. Margaret Milford of 507 Ninth place, a wealthy widow, who caused an attachment to be issued against Chouteau's property when he absented himself from the city, Dec. 6. Gindra was the dummy officer in several of Chouteau's enterprises, and Baldwin was an office boy in Chouteau's brokerage office in the Security Building. Neither had invested a dollar in the concern.

**Plant Poorly Equipped.** Mrs. Milford, in her belated effort to determine the value of the Northeast Electric bonds which Chouteau had sold to her, along with thousands of dollars of other securities, sent her son, William, to Naples to investigate the property. He reported that the plant was poorly equipped mechanically, and that it had wires strung for two city blocks and was furnishing electricity to business houses in those blocks.

Her hopes of realizing anything on her \$8000 of bonds were considerably upset this morning when her attorney, George C. Mackay, received a telegram from Charles Morgan, the general manager of the two-block electric, light plant. Morgan stated that the property of the Northeast Electric "was really valuable," but he added that he needed \$600 immediately, or the company would have to cease operations and the plant would be leveled.

Mackay said he had been informed that Morgan was one of the many young men whom Chouteau had associated with himself in his brokerage offices, and that Morgan had been sent to Naples to look after Chouteau's interests there.

"Post-Dispatch reporters were unable to find any of Chouteau's associates who were willing to tell when and how he promoted the Northeast Electric."

Baldwin, the treasurer of the Northeast Electric, admitted that he was under age when Chouteau made him treasurer of the concern, and he also admitted he never invested a cent in the enterprise. He would not state how many bonds had been issued on the property, or who were the present holders of them.

**Baldwin Himes Was.** "If it hadn't been for the war," he said, "everything would have come out all right for the young fellows." Apparently he referred to the young men associated with Chouteau, the various enterprises the young broker promoted.

Baldwin did not wish to answer any questions concerning his association with Chouteau. "I want to consult my lawyer first," he said. He refused to state his age, and refused to tell his father's name. He said his father was a farmer at Pattonville, in St. Louis County, and that he lived at home.

Baldwin said he first became acquainted with Chouteau when the latter was in the brokerage office of John F. Betts, in the Security Building. Betts is a director and treasurer of the St. Louis Lakewood & Grant Park Railway Co., of which Chouteau is president and Richard Eugene Hinrichs, another young broker, is secretary.

When Chouteau left Betts' office to go into business for himself, Baldwin said he went along with Chouteau and worked for the latter as a clerk and stenographer. Baldwin said he left Chouteau's employ last June and returned to Betts' office, where he now is a stenographer.

Gindra, the college student, who is president of the Northeast Electric, was not at his home, 1813 South Thirtieth street, when a reporter called there. His father, John Gindra, with whom he lives, said he left home about Dec. 4 or 5, taking a shotgun, and announcing he was going on a hunting trip. The elder Gindra said he had not heard since from his son. Gindra is now 30 years old.

Gindra left the university last June. He previously had worked for 18 months at intervals, for Chouteau.

**Son's Office Surprised Father.** Gindra's father was surprised to learn that his son held the presidency of the Northeast Electric Co. "Chouteau must have given him the position, because my son didn't have any money to invest," the father said.

"My son, when working for Chouteau, was supposed to receive a salary of \$10 a week, but he did not get his pay," the elder Gindra said. "I knew that Chouteau had made my son president of the Northeast Electric Co., and he told my son that he would make plenty of money. As my son was just a college boy, I did not pay much attention to his dealings with Chouteau. They appeared to be close friends and they were together

## Mrs. Reginald Brooks, Sister of Mrs. W. W. Astor, Gets Divorce



MRS. REGINALD BROOKS

### Decree Granted on Ground of Desertion Is Kept Secret for a Month.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Phyllis Brooks, one of the famous Langhorne sisters of Greenwood, Va., has obtained an absolute divorce from Reginald Brooks, New York clubman, on the ground of desertion. The decree, granted a month ago, was kept secret until yesterday. An existing agreement, bearing date of Feb. 24, 1913, providing an allowance for the support of Mrs. Brooks and her two children, was continued.

In her petition for a separation, granted a year ago, Mrs. Brooks declared her husband abused and harshly criticized her and that he frequently told her he no longer loved her and would be glad if she left him.

According to dispatches published last spring, Mrs. Brooks was then visiting her sister, Mrs. William Waldorf Astor, in London, was beneficiary under will of two English army officers, Capt. George Douglas-Pennant of the Grenadier Guards and Capt. The Hon. William Reginald Wyndham of the Seventeenth Hussars, both of whom died last winter from wounds.

Besides Mrs. Astor, Mrs. Brooks has two other married sisters, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson of New York and Mrs. Paul Philippe of Vancouver.

much of the time, with two other young fellows whose names I do not recall."

**Mrs. Milford Tells of Dealings.** Mrs. Milford told a Post-Dispatch reporter today the more intimate details of her financial dealings with Chouteau, which, she thinks, has resulted in a loss of about \$25,000 to her.

"I first knew Chouteau as a regular customer at our restaurant on Sixth street, which I conducted for two years after my husband's death," Mrs. Milford said. "He was a good customer."

"Chouteau became friendly with my son and we frequently talked together. I always took a sort of interest in him, as he was such a little fellow and was so proud of his family. He was a descendant of one of the founders of St. Louis. He used to talk with me frequently regarding his family history, but he did not appear to be connected with it. He did not seem to take much interest in his dress. In fact, he dressed rather badly."

"About one year after my husband died Chouteau interested me in some bonds of a company which he said had a great future, and I made an investment. Later I made other investments, sometimes paying money and sometimes transferring real estate in payment for the securities."

"Until last June I received interest upon my investments. They were largely in coupon bonds, and I would call at Chouteau's office and receive the interest money. He always paid me himself and I received no interest through any bank or trust company."

"About the middle of last summer I failed to receive interest upon a \$7000 note for money I had given him to invest. He said everything would be all right in a short time and told me that his friends were joking him upon his engagement to a rich girl. I was not told the girl's name, but my son was joking Chouteau about the matter and I also spoke with him jestingly about it several times. He said there were some difficulties in the way of the match."

## LIVES SIX WEEKS WITH BROKEN NECK AND MAY RECOVER

Bernard Fels, Who Fell From Shed, Is Regaining Control of Paralyzed Legs.

Bernard Fels, 35 years old, of 5231 West avenue, a church organ builder, has lived six weeks with a broken neck and today his physicians announced that his chance for complete recovery were favorable.

Fels is a patient at the Lutheran Hospital, where his case is being closely watched by physicians, because he was one of two patients with broken necks there at one time. The other patient, Charles A. Fach, who lived at the Berlin Hotel, died Dec. 5, after living six weeks.

Fels broke his neck in a fall from a shed at his home, on Sunday, Nov. 7. When taken to the hospital he was paralyzed from the waist down and the nerves of his arms and the upper part of his body were affected, although he retained consciousness.

There was a marked difference, however, in the cases of Fach and Fels, according to physicians, which gives Fels a much greater chance for recovery. In the case of Fach, the post-mortem examination revealed that the sixth vertebra was crushed and the spinal cord was injured for a distance of about two inches. This, the physicians say, makes his recovery impossible and they expressed surprise that he lived six weeks after being hurt.

Fels has a simple longitudinal fracture of the sixth vertebra, which has not injured the spinal cord or any other part of the spinal column. The paralysis in his case is said to be due to a hemorrhage, the effects of which are passing away. Owing to the nature of the fracture, no harness is being used on Fels, nor will he have to wear what is known as a "jury mast" to support his head in case he recovers. Fels has now regained complete use of his arms and is beginning to acquire control of his legs.

Dr. Leo E. Wilkitt, 5235 Gravois avenue, one of the attending physicians, thinks the fracture will be completely knitted within a few weeks and that Fels will then be able to walk unless unexpected complications set in.

### MISSING GIRL FOUND POSING AS SISTER OF YOUNG MAN

Couple Say They Intended to Wed, but Feared to Ask Her Parents' Consent.

Miss Ida Britton, a stenographer, 18 years old, who had been missing from her home, 460 Evans avenue, since Dec. 4, was found yesterday afternoon in a rooming house at 4574 A Delmar boulevard.

Charles H. Mareau, 20 years old, of 441 Delmar boulevard, was arrested when he and Miss Britton admitted that they had posed as brother and sister at the rooming house where Miss Britton was stopping under the name of "Ida Dickson."

Mareau and Miss Britton said that they intended to get married, but feared to ask her parents' consent on account of her youth.

### Open Every Night Till Xmas. Reduction Sale, Globe, 7th & Franklin

### COLLEGE HEAD SUGGESTS MILITARY TRAINING PLAN

Northwestern University President Says Scheme Is Useless Unless Men Are Used as Officers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—President A. W. Harris of Northwestern University has written to President Wilson, in which he announced today, opposing certain kinds of military training in universities.

"I frankly stated that military training in our colleges is of no practical value unless the Government makes provision to use the men," President Harris said.

"In the Spanish-American War men from colleges were given no preference and had to enlist as privates, although the Government needed trained men. Thus military training had been time wasted."

"Military training is valueless if adopted only by isolated colleges."

### REPORT ON U. S. ENVOY'S TAXES

Joseph E. Willard Charged With Making Return \$1,713,500 Too Small.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 17.—Joseph E. Willard, American Ambassador to Spain, is charged in a report filed with the State Auditor of Accounts by the examiner of records of Prince William county with having omitted intangible property valued at \$1,713,500 from his tax return.

## NAMES AIDS IN DIRECTING CIRCUS FOR FESTIVAL

Park Commissioner Announces His Co-Workers in Preparing Treat for Children.

Acknowledgements of Subscriptions to the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund will be found elsewhere in this edition.

Persons in every walk of life are co-operating with the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association in the sixteenth annual campaign in behalf of universal good cheer in this community on Christmas day. Cities and towns in Missouri and Illinois are also claiming and obtaining representation in the movement.

Among the impressive proffer of assistance received by the Festival workers is this from two young women: "While we are in the greatest sympathy with your movement to provide a Christmas dinner for the unfortunate of our city, we are unable to subscribe any cash to your fund, but if you can make use of our services to assist in waiting on the table, we will cheerfully contribute our services for that purpose."

Edwardsville, Belleville and Aviston, Ill., are among the recent contributors of money to the cause, one of them being made by two little girls, Eleanor Josephine and Dorothy Ruth Zerwick of Belleville, \$3 each; Sullivan, Mo., joined the ranks of the community Santa Claus through Gilbert Sites, 5 years old, who gave \$1.

Forwarding a contribution of \$10, Eugene R. Cusend wrote: "I believe in the old saying, 'Every little bit helps,' which puts in concrete form the principle upon which the hospitality is each year built to larger and more complete proportions."

To Handle Santa Claus Letters. Miss Florence Van Sickle, general secretary of the St. Louis Children's Aid Society, has advised the Festival Association that "the Children's Aid Society will be very glad to co-operate with the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association in its Christmas for the children, by taking charge of the Santa Claus letters, investigating them and making sure that the children who are not able or not old enough to attend the Christmas festival, are not forgotten and have a real Christmas."

The Post-Dispatch has previously announced that the staff of instructors for the municipal playgrounds volunteered in force to co-operate fully with Chairman Nelson Cuniff of the Entertainment Committee, in preparing the 400 or more children for the two-ring circus which will be the feature event at the Coliseum Christmas day. From these enthusiastic co-workers Chairman Cuniff has named the following: Supervisor of dancing, Miss Agnes Cady; director of clowns, Henry Abeken; in charge of costumes, Miss Laura Ober; assistants: Misses Virginia Bagby, Emma Ruppel, Sarah Wolf, O. Rosen, Katharine Fletcher, A. Sullivan, L. Stodder, H. Gibbons, M. Hove, Agnes Wise, B. Bloomer, Melba Randolph, Viola Kilgen, F. J. Brown, Martha L. Coleman, C. Williams, O. Schmidt, L. Harrison, R. Suss, Mrs. Knapp, M. F. Scherlock, R. Linton, H. Linton, L. Womack, A. Butler, D. Davidson, R. Schwartz, A. C. Bury, B. Gibson, A. Brennan; Messrs. Festus J. Dolan, George Jaeger, Carl Mink, Louis Kittlaus, William McBurney, Walter Ross, Fred Heusler, T. Woodward, Paul Schultz, H. Osterhold, Otto Eckle, A. J. Goss, E. A. Burgess.

Chairmen of the committees having in charge the dinner to homeless men and the purchase of supplies for the Christmas dinner baskets, desire to thank the Diamond Match Co. for a donation of 500 boxes of matches for the first-named event, and the Howe Scale Co. for the use of scales with which to weigh the supplies upon delivery to the committee.

**Final Day for Lists.** The date for closing the list of names to receive a Christmas dinner basket has been fixed at tomorrow. This allows less than a week to inquire into the merit of the application and to prepare for the distribution to take place one week from today, in the Kinloch Building, Tenth and Locust streets.

The first doll dressed by a man to be returned to headquarters, 408 North Broadway, has been received from H. Muell of 5232 Theodora avenue. When taken into the showroom, in which all the dolls will shortly be placed on exhibition, the young woman, who started to deposit it with those which had come in earlier, without opening it, "Aren't you going to look at it?" Muell inquired with earnest concern, adding: "I dressed it myself and feel just a little proud of it. Please look at it."

His doll was dressed in an excellent quality of voile, with black velvet trimming, chemise of pink silk and covering of black tulle. The head covered is a pink poke bonnet.

### GET IT FIRST—NOT LAST

When a cold grips your system it shows that your condition is weakened—remember that. You should not trust your strength to throw it off, because neglected colds have brought more sickness than any other one thing, while weakening cathartics and stimulating syrups are depressing and dangerous.

The one best treatment for any cold—the one so often relied on when others fail, is the powerful blood-purifying in Scott's Emulsion which feeds the very sources of bodily strength to suppress the present cold and generate strength to thwart further sickness.

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## She Has Charge of Entertainment of "Tiny Tims" At Big Festival



MISS SARAH ELIZABETH EDWARDS

THE hospitality of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association will, as in former years, embrace the lame children of St. Louis. This branch of the event has for years been taken care of by Miss Sara Elizabeth Edwards, who is a member of the Festival Association Executive Committee, and she will have charge of it again this season. Miss Edwards has already perfected plans for giving the "Tiny Tims" a joyous Christmas. Every one is invited to write her, care the Post-Dispatch, at once, giving name and address, so that tickets to the festival in the Coliseum Christmas day may be sent to them and their chaperones.

Anyone having knowledge of a lame child among his or her neighbors is requested to communicate the name and address to Miss Edwards.

### EVENTS FOR ALL AT FESTIVAL DANCE

THE popular elimination dance contest to be held in Dreamland, Olive street, east of Grand avenue, Tuesday evening, as a means of increasing the fund with which the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association will carry good cheer to nearly ever-home and heart in St. Louis, not otherwise provided for, on Christmas day, is not restricted in interest to those who may feel with reason that they are the best dancers in the city. Others will find much to interest them as spectators.

To the best old-time waltzer there will be awarded a prize of \$3, and a like sum will go to the best exponent of fox-trotting, any variation of which is to be given consideration in determining merit. These prizes are for couples, to be divided \$10 each.

Musical for the affair will be furnished by the Dreamland Orchestra, directed by Prof. Whitlow. In addition to the dance contest there are to be special dance and other features, including Little Miss Florence Pittsibon and Master Nell Bambar in fancy solo and team dances, and artists from local theaters.

The admission price will be only 50 cents.

### NEGRO Y. M. C. A. FUND \$36,035

Workers Expect \$50,000 Will Be Raised by End of Week. The third consecutive \$5000 as the result of a day's work among the negroes of St. Louis has brought the total for the building fund for the negro Young Men's Christian Association up to \$36,035, and members of the Campaign Committee now believe the total of \$50,000 will be reached by the end of the week.

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### KENTUCKY RIVER UP 30 FEET

Many Villages Endangered by "Recent Heavy Rains." LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 17.—A 30-foot rise of the Kentucky River at Jackson, following heavy rains which have been continuous for the last 36 hours, was reported here today. The message said that all mountain streams were at flood tide and rising rapidly and that further rains would endanger many small villages.

### On Kee French Fruit Tart. 12c 1/4 Doz. Saturday Bakery Special. 513 Locust.

### Veteran Pastor's Wife Dies.

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## LACLEDE GAS TO BE SANTA CLAUS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

Workers and Families Will Receive Refreshments and Presents Christmas Eve.

The Laclede Gas Light Co. has arranged a Christmas entertainment for its employees and their families, 500 persons in all, at which the guests enjoy the laborers, regardless of color, race or religion, will shake hands with the officers and directors and receive refreshments and presents.

Individual invitations were sent today to the employees asking them to bring their families to the company's offices the day before Christmas. They will be received by C. L. Holman, general manager, and other officers. After shaking hands, the guests will be conducted downstairs, where refreshments will be served, and then will be taken upstairs, where presents will be distributed.

In selecting the presents careful attention was given to the age of the employees and the members of their families. It was found that there will be 1150 children from 1 week to 16 years old, and 1700 dependent children altogether. Everything chosen for presents was selected with care for each person.

Each wife or mother will receive a small suit case containing a present. In this she may carry away the presents members of her family receive.

### PRIVY COUNCILORS SUSTAINED

Attempt to Oust Snyder and Cassel Fails. LONDON, Dec. 17.—The attempt to deprive Sir Edward Snyder and Sir Ernest Cassel of membership in the Privy Council on account of their German birth, has been defeated. The Lord Chief Justice, Baron Reading, who has had the matter under advisement since arguments were concluded a month ago, delivered his judgment today.

He declared Sir Edgar and Sir Ernest, as naturalized British subjects, had all the rights and privileges of British-born subjects.

### Drug Club Christmas Party.

The Santa Claus party of the St. Louis Drug Club will be held tonight at the Army and Navy Club, 321 Washington boulevard. There will be music and dancing, and Santa Claus will distribute more than 500 presents.

### Gets \$100,000 From Patent.

RISON, Ark., Dec. 17.—The Rev. S. D. Lindsay was informed today that he was worth \$100,000 as a result of a patent automobile spring he invented.

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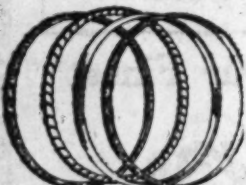
**Manchu Prince Gets Post.**  
PEKIN, China, Dec. 17.—The Manchu Prince, Hu Lun, has been named as chairman of the Council of State, succeeding Li Yuan Hung, whose resignation was automatically accepted. Li Yuan Hung has been elevated to the princely rank, with the title of Prince Wu Yi, the meaning of which is "Military Righteousness."

**Bank in Tennessee Fails.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Comptroller Williams late yesterday announced the failure of the First National Bank at Wartrace, Tenn., having a capital of \$50,000, surplus of \$25,000 and deposits of about \$120,000. The Comptroller said the failure was due to defalcations for which the cashier of the bank is responsible.

## The HALLMARK Store

H stands for **HALLMARK**, the wares of high class, Also for Home and a Happy Christmas; L stands for La Vallieres, queenly and fine, Laden with diamonds that twinkle and shine; M stands for mother, so patient and true, A token for her—we have what will do; Right here you will find a wondrous display, Keep Xmas in mind—you'd best not delay.

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**Solid Gold Cuff Links**  
In remarkable variety and wide range of price, upward from



**Solid Gold Friendship Bracelets**  
Very dainty and popular, upward from

**\$2.50**  
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Rich Baroque Pearls in fancy hand-wrought gold mounting, from

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### "Nullifiers and Slippers"

For Men-Kid-Lined Regular \$1.25 value—on special sale Saturday.

Choice of four styles in black and tan..... **98c**

Boys' Shoes—tan or black, 2 to 5..... **98c**

### "Children's Jockey Boots"

PATENT OR DULL LEATHER

Keep the children's limbs warm and dry with a pair of our JOCKEY BOOTS; these qualities cannot be duplicated.

Children's, 8 1/2 to 11..... **\$1.39**

Misses', 11 1/2 to 2..... **\$1.69**

Growing Girls', 2 1/2 to 6..... **\$2.00**

### "Men's Dress Shoes"

Button or lace, in vici kid, patent, dull or tan calf on round toe last, or tan, or dull calf, with cloth or calf tops, on English lasts, welt soles; stylish and comfortable shoes; our price for all styles,

**\$3.00**

### Men's "Comfort" Shoes

Lace or Congress

Genuine vici kid or calfskin.

Wells..... **\$3.00**

Mc Kay's..... **\$2.50**

Norfolk..... **\$2.00**

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### "Men's HEAVY WORK Shoes"

An unusual purchase of 3000 pairs enables us to quote to the working men of St. Louis these \$2.50 to \$3 values in genuine

"CHROME" upper leather, oak sole Work Shoes, in Tan or Black; at the special price of..... **\$2.19**

(All Sizes, 6 to 11.)

### "High-Cut Boots" for Men and Boys

Pearl, Tan or Darkstone

12-inch Boots..... **\$6.00**

14-inch Boots..... **\$5.00**

16-inch Boots..... **\$4.00**

18-inch Boots..... **\$3.00**

These prices will save you 50c to \$3.00.

## STORY OF THEFT OF NAVAL REPORT OF U. S. A FAKE

Capt. Boy-Ed Styles Account as "Fabrication;" McAdoo Calls it "Falsehood."

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Several New York newspapers and others throughout the country, including the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, published a story yesterday for which no authority was given, that a confidential report compiled by a staff officer of the United States navy for the information of President Wilson and Secretary Daniels had been obtained by the office of the German naval attaché Boy-Ed in New York. No facts to substantiate the story have been brought forward, and the persons concerned met the tale with either silence, ridicule or emphatic denial. Capt. Boy-Ed issued the following statement:

"I have, of course, read with surprise and indignation the extraordinary stories contained in this (Thursday) morning's papers seriously reflecting upon my personal integrity and official conduct. Calls Stories False. "Because of my official relation to the German embassy I have heretofore felt constrained to suffer generally in silence the many newspaper reflections upon me and my activities in this country, as it is contrary to diplomatic etiquette in my country to take note of irresponsible and unofficial statements. Being now no longer a member of the embassy, I feel at liberty to characterize the various stories in this morning's papers as fabrications and inventions from beginning to end without so much as a vestige of foundation in fact on which to base them."

"If I correctly understand the purport of these articles, they represent me as having in effect stolen through secret agents from the very shadow of the White House digest or a copy of a confidential report that was being prepared by navy officers for President Wilson, or of having in some way known of or come into possession of some such report."

"In point of fact I never heard of such report or that such report was being compiled for the President or for the United States Government or for anybody else. I know of no American, patriotic or otherwise, young or old, such as is referred to in these articles and have never had any American citizen employed in my office. The 'patriotic young American' referred to is as mythical as is the rest of the absurd story."

"The story bears every indication of belonging to that large assortment that has been industriously manufactured by the allied Press Bureau which has done such effective work in poisoning the public mind against the cause of my country."

BOY-ED, "Captain I. G. N."

"New York, Dec. 16, 1915."

Von Bernstorff Seen Boy-Ed. Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, made a hurried trip from Washington, conferred at the Ritz Carlton with Capt. Boy-Ed and another and returned last night. He refused to divulge the reason for the trip, but said of the solemn report story:

"I have no official cognizance that such a charge has been made against Naval Attaché Boy-Ed. Fabrications of that kind do not worry me. They are too transparent to be taken seriously."

"Tissue of Falsehood." Comment of McAdoo Upon Story.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—"A tissue of falsehood and invention," said Secretary McAdoo of stories printed in New York and other newspapers this morning, linking him with the "leak" of a highly important naval report that was alleged to have fallen into the hands of the naval attaché of the German embassy.

Secretary McAdoo declared he had never had a naval report in his possession.

Joseph P. Tumulty, the President's secretary, said the stories were without foundation as far as he was advised.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the Navy said he could not think of any "confidential" report prepared for the President which would be of any possible interest to the German Government.

State Department officials announced that the recall of Capt. Boy-Ed was not based upon the disappearance of any Government reports and that the department had no knowledge concerning any such report.

The Palace, 516 Washington avenue, Solid Gold and Gold-filled Jewelry.

### ITALIAN FAIR OPENS TOMORROW

Fete for School Benefit Will Last Sunday.

Flags of Italy and the United States, combined with Christmas greenery will form the decorations of the Coliseum for the Italian fair which will be given there, beginning tomorrow evening and continuing through Sunday, for the benefit of the Italian free school at Tenth and Wash streets.

The coronation of the queen of the carnival, the votes for which will be cast tomorrow evening, will take place Sunday afternoon.

BOY: "Kick In" at Leftie Bros. & Co. and buy your Christmas gifts on easy credit terms. Diamond Jewels, Silverware, Clocks, Novelties, etc. Second floor, 308 N. 6th St. Open evenings.

Gila Monster Venomous Reptile. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—The State Industrial Accident Commission yesterday held that a gila monster is a venomous reptile and awarded \$100 to the widow of Louis E. Merritt, a museum employee, who died last August an hour after being bitten by one of the creatures. The owners of the museum had contended that a gila monster was harmless.

We are headquarters for natural and artificial Christmas decorations. St. Louis Seed Co., 411 Washington.

## Gift Certificates and Glove Bonds

—solve the busy man's gift problems. Issued at All Exchange Desk and Public Service Bureau—Main Floor.

Little Tots, Read This!

## Christmas Entertainment in the Restaurant

We have arranged for a number of children to perform like professionals. Many unique acts and, of course, Santa Claus will be on hand with a present for every little child who comes.

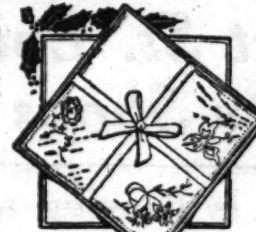
Luncheon 25c—from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock. (Sixth Floor.)

## Handkerchiefs

Our "Dollar" Box Is Sure to Please.

THESE \$1 Boxes contain three Women's Handkerchiefs, of fine quality pure linen, beautifully embroidered in floral, scroll, wreath and butterfly designs, hand-embroidered and Alpine effects.

THERE are others of fine quality French batiste in dainty one-corner eyelet effects, and all-around scalloped edges. (Main Floor.)



75c Dolls, 35c

Come in the 13-inch size, with very pretty bisque heads, moving eyes, jointed bodies and very neatly dressed. Until noon only. 35c each. (Fifth Floor.)

Auto Delivery, 25c

"Stix, Baer & Fuller" Auto Delivery Vans—a mechanical toy of heavy tin nicely japanned. Rear door that opens and closes—chauffeur on seat. No more than one to a buyer. (Fifth Floor.)

Handkerchiefs, 19c Each

Men's Handkerchiefs, of pure linen—choice of two styles of embroidered colored initials, one style enclosed in small triangle design, other in long letter initials—regularly 25c—until noon, 19c ea. (Main Floor.)

50c Lisle Socks, 25c

Men's colored Lisle Socks, plain and mercerized. Medium weight reinforced soles, toes and high heels. Saturday until noon. 25c pair. (Main Floor.)

Men's 50c Garters,

Boston or Paris Garters, in colors or black—each pair in box—on sale Saturday until noon only—pair, 35c. (Notion Section, Main Floor.)

THESE items are on sale until noon only, to induce you to shop early. No mail or phone orders.

Men's Gloves, \$1.39

Finest Imported Cape and Dress Gloves, in tan and gray, also Mocha, Chamols and Buckskin Gloves—regular \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.50 qualities—Saturday until noon only. \$1.39 pair. (Main Floor.)

Fern Dishes, \$2.98

Cut Glass Fern Dishes, 8-inch size, cut in rich floral designs, on fine quality lead blank—regular \$4.50—until noon Saturday, \$2.98. (Fifth Floor.)

Utility Cabinets, 39c

Cretone-covered Utility Boxes, in attractive colorings. Made with three drawers—regularly 50c, but Saturday until noon, 39c. Art Needlework Section, Second Floor.)

Stationery, 19c Box

Twenty-four Correspondence Cards and twenty-four Envelopes, in holiday box—offered Saturday until noon only at 19c box. (Main Floor.)

\$2 Sweaters, 98c

Boys' lamb's-wool Sweaters—very soft and warm. Some with collars—all have pockets. Good range of sizes. Saturday until noon only, 98c. (Second Floor Annex.)

## Gifts of Sporting Goods

Bicycles, \$22.50

Made with seamless tubing, enameled frame, equipped with guaranteed tires and mud guards, roller chain, rubber pedals, rubber grips, Kelly handle bars, large spring seat and tool kit.

Striking Bags, \$4.75

Complete with platform, of very fine finished oak; good leather bag with gum bladder.

Bicycle Lights, \$1.50

Electric Bicycle Lights—very bright light, complete with battery.

Indoor Baseballs, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Ice Skates, \$1.00 Pair

Made of fine polished steel, with screw heels and toe clamps.

Whitely Exercisers, \$2.00

Made of high-grade nickel-plated piano steel, with polished wood grips. Complete with chart. (Second Floor Annex.)

## Gifts for the Autoist



—In our Section of Automobile Accessories are priced very attractively.

Windshield Spotlights, \$3.25 to \$4.75

Windshield Mirrors, 75c to \$1.98

Pocket Flashlight, 50c to \$1.25

Hand Horns, priced \$2.25 to \$2.98

Motor Driven Horns, \$3.98 to \$4.50

Hand Pumps, double action, \$1.35

Auto Robes, priced \$2.98 to \$8.00

Auto Clocks, priced \$1.75 to \$5.00

Electric Cigar Lighters, \$1.69

Auto Gloves—all prices.

Radiator Emblems, 89c

Vulcanizers, steam or electric, \$1.75 to \$3.50

Ford Hood Covers, \$1.39 to \$2.98

Electric Hand Warmers, run from battery or magneto, \$5.00 and \$7.50

Bumpers, all finishes, \$2.98 to \$10.00

Foot Warmers, \$1.75 to \$4.00

Arctite Anti-freeze—one gallon makes two when diluted with water, gallon, 85c

(Second Floor Annex.)

**Stix Baer & Fuller**  
GRAND LEADER  
SEVENTH & LEXA SAINT LOUIS

**Fruit Cake**  
The supply is limited—leave your order early.  
"Leader" Brand Fruit Cake, 25c lb. or three lbs. for \$1.49.  
Put up in dainty boxes.  
(Candy Section—Main Floor.)

## Special Sale of Overcoats

Bringing Positive \$20 and \$22.50 Garments

at **\$15**



A well-known Eastern maker of fine Overcoats, closed out to us several hundred fine garments at a sharp reduction.

We want you to judge the quality carefully, and you will appreciate at once the phenomenal values we are offering in this sale.

The styles are in smart double-breasted effects, and the fabrics are serviceable Oxford mixtures, fancy jerseys and Scotch homespun.

The workmanship is evident at first glance, and there are all sizes from 33 to 44-inch chest measurement—choice, \$15

**Kuppenheimer Suits, \$19.50**  
Regular Prices Were \$25 to \$35

Many lines from our regular stocks, and hundreds of fine Suits purchased from the House of Kuppenheimer at a great sacrifice. This is a rare opportunity to purchase one of Kuppenheimer's finest Suits at a big reduction.

Special Offerings in

Men's and Youths' Hats at \$1.60

Regular \$2 to \$3 Grades

Soft Hats, in all the popular blocks and colors—Derbies for dress or street wear. Dimensions to suit every taste.

Fancy Vests Acceptable Gifts—for father or brother. We offer some exceptional values at \$1.95 to \$4.95

MEN'S and Youths' Winter Golf Caps, with warm fur inbands—specially priced 95c and \$1.45

MEN'S Hudson Seal Fur Caps—formerly priced \$6—reduced to \$4.50 (Men's Store—Main Floor.)

## Last Saturday Before Christmas and All's Well in Toytown

Be on hand early tomorrow morning, gift-buyers and lookers—there will be a thousand wonders for every one.

And these price attractions:

\$1.50 Kid Body Dolls, 89c

Fifteen inches tall, with jointed arms and hips, bisque head, with boy features.

\$6.50 Kestner Dolls, \$4.95

Genuine Kestner Dolls—25 in. tall. Full jointed bodies, beautiful bisque heads, moving eyes, eyelashes, sewed wig, shoes and stockings.

\$2 Animals at \$1.45

A limited quantity of Steiff Animals—such as Camel, Ducks, St. Bernard Dogs, Record Peter, Dachshund and Bulldogs—choice, \$1.45

\$1.50 Dressed Dolls, 89c

Eighteen inches tall—jointed bodies, beautiful bisque heads, moving eyes, eyelashes—very pretty dressed, in pretty bright colors—complete with hat, shoes and stockings.

\$1 Dressed Dolls, 45c

Sixteen-inch size—jointed bodies, bisque heads, moving eyes. Very neatly dressed.

\$1.75 Dressed Dolls, 95c

Sixteen inches tall—bisque heads, moving eyes with eyelashes, jointed bodies, beautifully dressed—complete with hat, shoes and stockings.



\$1.50 Dressed Dolls, 69c

Fifteen-inch size—pretty bisque heads, with moving eyes. Very neatly dressed in pretty colors—complete with hat, shoes and stockings.

## Santa Claus wants to see all the little ones!

The Painting Classes

Conducted by "Miss Margaret, the Paint Lady," will convene as usual on Saturday, at 2:30 o'clock. Children between the ages of 6 and 10 years are invited to join. All lessons and materials are absolutely free to them.

The Story Telling

—by Miss Flora B. Dawson, will commence at 3 o'clock. She not only tells wonderfully interesting stories, but plays games with the children in the Playground. (Fifth Floor.)

Practical Gift-Givers Will Be Greatly Interested in This Sale of

## Girls' Tub Frocks

Choice, **95c**

There are twelve different styles from which to choose, including new Dresses of plaid ginghams, of fine reps, hand-embroidered, and solid-colored chambrays.

Trimmings consist of hand-smocking, embroidery, belts, self-straps, etc. Skirts are cut particularly full, with deep plaits. The styles are the newest and most becoming that have been brought out this season. All sizes from 6 to 14 years, and very special at 95c



## Girls' Marine Middy Blouses—Special, 69c

Several new styles in these clever new Middies. Made of best jeans, with hi-lo sport collars—lace sides or sport coat style, fastening down the front. All-white or white trimmed with red, blue, green or striped galatea. Sizes 14 to 20 years.

Girls' Party Dresses, \$5.95 to \$29.75

A complete showing of fresh, new Party Frocks of nets, crepe de chine, taffeta, lace and combination of materials. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Girls' Rainyday Outfits—Special, \$2.69

Coats made of the best rubberized Cantonette cloth, with large flap pockets, Tam or Billie Burke Hat to match. Come in tan only. Sizes 6 to 14 years. Each set packed in a Christmas holly box.



## COCKRELL FUNERAL IS HELD

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Dec. 17.—Francis M. Cockrell, former United States Senator who died early this week in Washington, was buried here yesterday. Members of the company which Senator Cockrell organized and led in the Civil War on the side of the South joined with many Grand Army veterans in the throng at the Presbyterian Church, and representatives of each acted as honorary pall bearers.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W. H. Black. Judge John F. Phillips made an address.

## ALDERMEN MUST PROVIDE FUNDS FOR SEGREGATION VOTE

City Counsellor Says They Are to Assume Initiative Clause of Charter Is Valid.

The Board of Aldermen will be advised tonight by City Counsellor Dues to appropriate the \$75,000 asked by the Election Board for the expenses of a special initiative election Feb. 29, on the negro segregation ordinance, despite threats that an injunction will be asked by negroes on the ground that the initiative clause in the new charter is unconstitutional.

The Aldermen yesterday adopted a resolution asking an opinion of Counselor Dues before 4 p. m. today, as they have voted to adjourn over the holidays and would not have time to make the appropriation for a special registration to be held Jan. 13, when they resume sessions.

Counselor Dues will instruct the Aldermen that it is the duty of all city officials to presume every section of the new charter is valid until the courts decide otherwise. Dues said also that the late Judge Dillon of New York, who was the accepted authority on municipal law affecting bond issues, held that the initiative system in a St. Louis charter was valid because not inconsistent with the State Constitution since 1908, when it was amended to permit the initiative in State legislation.

Charles W. Bates, former City Counsellor, advised a board of freeholders in 1910 that the initiative system would be invalid in a city charter because the State Constitution stipulated the legislative powers of the city "shall be vested in a Municipal Assembly." Judge Dillon's opinion was rendered last year.

Dues said today that, even if it should be held that the initiative section of the new charter was unconstitutional, he did not anticipate that the referendum clause would be affected, as the city has the power to modify or revoke its legislation. The parkway ordinance was defeated by a vote taken under the referendum. The bonds for \$2,750,000 for completion of the Free Bridge were voted at an election held under the initiative and a decision adverse to the initiative might bring the validity of these bonds in question, in spite of Judge Dillon's endorsement of them.

**WOMAN HIT BY AUTO WHEN SHE ALIGHTS FROM STREET CAR**

Driver of Machine Slows Down, but Flees When He Sees Pedestrian Is Hurt.

Gertrude Renneke, 32 years old, employed in the home of J. B. Boyce, 4389 Forest Park boulevard, was hit by an automobile about 8:30 o'clock last night, after she had alighted from a Delmar car, at Skinker road, and was crossing the street. The driver of the machine slowed up, but when he saw the woman lying in the street, he fled.

The woman was taken to a doctor's office, and later removed to the city hospital, where it was found that she had severe cuts on the forehead, nose and lips.

**FALSE TEETH BETRAY BURGLAR**

Man Confesses Robbing Several Dentists' Offices.

William J. Miller, 35 years old, of 2214 Bismarck street, by offering a set of false teeth for sale, betrayed himself as a burglar to the police of the South street district. He was arrested last night.

Miller had disposed of the teeth when the police cornered him, but he confessed to a series of robberies in the offices of South Side dentists. Since Nov. 26 Miller, according to his own admission, had stolen gold crowns valued at \$75 from the office of Dr. James Montgomery, 1328 South Broadway; dental goods valued at \$60 from Dr. Jacob L. Paul, 2106 South Broadway; gold fillings valued at \$65 from Dr. Cornelius O'Brien, 257 South Broadway, and \$25 worth of crowns from Dr. Edward Vogt, 223 South Broadway.

**ILLINOIS MURDERER EXECUTED**

Hillsboro Man Choked Wife to Death and Cut Up Body.

HILLSBORO, Ill., Dec. 17.—James Comer paid the death penalty at 7 o'clock this morning for the murder of his wife Oct. 13 at their home in Hillsboro. Comer pleaded guilty to having choked the woman to death after which he severed her head and legs from her body and buried the parts separately in an effort to hide his crime.

Sheriff Johnson conducted the execution as privately as possible in a stockade built back of the jail.

**GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS?** Take your sweaters, coats, hats, gloves, mittens, socks and underwear to the J. C. Penney store, 1015 N. 3rd St., and get your Christmas shopping done.

**GROVER THWARTS NEGRO THIEF**

Eaches Garlands Into Black's Face After Being Arrested.

Joseph Teshoff, 35 years old, was alone in his grocery, Fifteenth and O'Fallon streets, yesterday afternoon, when a negro called for gasoline. While Teshoff was handing a measure of gasoline into the negro's face and the black fled, a policeman found that the grocer's skull was fractured.

## VALUABLE JEWELRY FOUND ON STREET BY "SANDWICH MAN"

Keeps Secret Until Wife Offers Diamond Encrusted Watch for Sale for \$2.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Jewelry valued at several thousand dollars found by a "sandwich man" under a wagon at Broadway and Forty-second street several days ago, was recovered last night when the police found the man's wife offering a diamond encrusted watch in a pawnshop for \$2. The

woman said the watch was only one of a large number of pieces of jewelry her husband had found.

The police then found the husband pacing up and down Broadway with a heavy sign over his shoulders. He said neither he nor his wife knew the value of the gems picked up. There was nothing about the jewels to indicate who owned them.

**500 Men Wanted**  
To buy good Suits and Overcoats at 25% and 43% Reduction Sale, Globe, 7th and Franklin.—Adv.

## CHICAGO BELT RAILWAY STRIKE ENDS, FREIGHT IS RELEASED

Fifteen Thousand Cars Loaded With Merchandise Was Tied Up Since Tuesday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—With the settlement of the strike of 400 employees of the Belt Railway of Chicago, merchandise valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, which had been tied up since Tuesday, was released today. More than 15,000 loaded freight cars had clogged the switch and transfer

yards at Clearing. Under the terms of the settlement, which was effected last night, the men will be provided with eight trains daily for their transportation to and from work instead of every hour as had been the practice.

The Palace, 516 Washington avenue, Open evenings till 11 p. m.

**Ambassador Returning From Spain.**  
MADRID, Dec. 17.—Col. Joseph E. Willard, United States Ambassador to Spain, departed last night for Bordeaux, where he will embark on the steamer Rochambeau for the United States.

## ENGLAND TO LET RED CROSS SUPPLIES GO INTO GERMANY

Arrangements Are Being Made to Permit Shipments for American Units Exclusively.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Post-Dispatch correspondent was informed today that arrangements are being made through the State Department by Ambassador Spring-Rice, that all medical stores and appliances, for the American Red Cross in Germany, shall be allowed through the blockade, on an understanding that

they shall be used exclusively for American Red Cross units, and not be supplied to any other body, civil or military.

**Wrecked Ship Brings \$11.**  
GULFPORT, Miss., Dec. 17.—The American schooner John W. Dana of Boston, which was wrecked Dec. 5, four miles southeast of Chandelier Island, has been sold at auction here by the underwriters for \$11. The vessel was loaded with asphalt from Brighton, Port of Spain, and with her cargo was valued at about \$25,000.

## REMLEY'S Sixth &amp; Franklin

## SATURDAY SPECIALS

Open next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night till 10 P. M. Restaurant also open for the accommodation of our customers.

**VEAL CHOPS**  
Cut from finest calves in the world.  
17½c  
Cuts, 1 lb. 25c

**SAUSAGE**  
McAT  
2 lbs. 15c

**FRESH PORK SHOULDERS**  
9½c

**EGGS**  
Strictly guaranteed a rare bargain; dozen, 22c  
3c bottles, \$1.00

**WINE**  
Delicious, appetizing, healthful; per bottle, 35c  
3c bottles, \$1.00

**5 lbs. Gran. Sugar**  
24c

**HENS**  
Young and tender, our own fresh dressed; lb., 14c

**FRESH SPARERIBS**  
Very meaty; lb., 9c

**Wisconsin Full Cream Cheese**  
Never before have I been able to give \$1.00 for such a value.  
15c

**Fancy California Sweet Wines**  
Port, Sherry, Angelica, Muscato, Sweet Cider, etc.  
15c

**Pork Chops**  
10c

**CHUCK ROASTS**  
From finest young cattle; tender and juicy; 1 lb. 11c

**Dwarf Celery**  
Best of the season; crisp and "white"; large bunches, 10c

**Shelled Popcorn**  
Guaranteed 10c per pound; 1 lb. 6c

**PECANS**  
10c

**Buy This Combination**  
1 can 3-lb. Sugar, 10c  
1 can 3-lb. Coffee, 10c  
1 can No. 3 Beans, 10c  
1 can No. 3 Tomatoes, 10c  
Total, 40c

**Full Gallon Whiskey**  
10c!

**HERE is the most stupendous**  
whiskey offer ever made—a world here backs the big profit boys clear off the barrels. One full gallon glass of high-grade old "Famous Crown" for one little dime! This is our greatest offer—and we are regular price at \$1.00 for one gallon. "Famous Crown" Whiskey, sold to it in making a total of \$2.00, and for this extra 10c we will send you another gallon of this same fine old guaranteed liquor—giving you the most wonderful bargain the world has ever known.

The claim of the big profit boys that this can't be done has been refuted for us. We prove it to your satisfaction without a particle of risk on your part.

**Money-Back Guarantee!**

Accept this remarkable offer today—sample the world's best whiskey in your own glass. If the sample isn't there, send back the remainder at our expense and the 10c which you paid us will be immediately returned, regardless of the sample which you have sent. For information on our wonderful offer, ask the New England National Bank of Kansas City. And now see the big profit boys pick a choice from it and offer. They want it, because they can't!

We make this great introductory offer because we want quick results. Send in your order today, and you will receive two full gallons guaranteed. One gallon return will be accepted. One gallon return will be accepted. One gallon return will be accepted.

**BEARGROVE DISTILLING CO.**  
Department 91 Kansas City, Mo.

**Liver and Bowels Right. Always Feel Fine**

There's one right way to speedily tone the liver and keep the bowels regular.

Cartier's Little Liver Pills never fail. Millions will testify that there is nothing so good for biliousness, indigestion, headache or other ailments, as Cartier's Little Liver Pills.

Small Pill—Small Dose—Small Price.

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**Lunch in Our Lovely Tea Room on the 7th Floor—Management of Mr. Edw. A. Benish**



Established in 1850  
**Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney**  
OLIVE and LOCUST from NINTH to TENTH  
The Best Goods for the Price No Matter What the Price

# This Great St. Louis-Owned Christmas Store of More Than 100 Specialty Shops Can Splendidly Supply Your Holiday Needs

## Our Toy Shop Is Proving a Constant Delight



If you have not as yet brought your little ones to our Toy Shop and permitted them to send a "Wireless" to Santa Claus' workshop, by all means do so tomorrow, and, at the same time, let them see the many wonderful Dolls and Toys which we are showing at this time. They include—  
Toy Stoves of iron and metal, in many sizes, to use alcohol, coal or electricity; many completely equipped. Prices \$1 to \$15.  
Doll Furniture in white-enamel—Chairs, Dressers, Beds, Dressing Tables, Chiffoniers, etc., are priced \$1 to \$12.  
Children's Desk and Chair Sets—oak finish—are priced at \$1.75.  
Other Desk and Chair Sets may be had at \$3.50 to \$12.  
Trains—Electric and Mechanical—are priced \$1.75 to \$30.  
Ives' Electric Street Car Outfit—with street cars, track and control-switch, are priced at \$2.50.  
Bell Toys are priced at 25c, 50c and \$1.  
Wood Toys are priced at 25c, 50c and \$1.  
We have Stools of all kinds and all sizes—Flexible Fliers, Auto Bobs, etc., priced at \$2.50 to \$12.  
Shooflies of white-enamel and dark oak or light oak \$1.25 to \$5.50.  
Collapsible Shooflies \$1.50.

**Kid Body Dolls**—the 20-inch size—with brunette sewed wig in small braids. These dolls have shoes and stockings of blue; limbs jointed at the hips. Price 50c.

**"My Playmate" Dressed Dolls**—with dress and hat to match, also shoes and stockings. Special values at 50c and \$1.

**Character Dolls**, Dolls dressed in knitted outfits, also Undressed Dolls—with skin wigs, mohair wigs and baby's bald heads. Prices \$2.50 to \$12.

**Toy Dishes of enamel and china** are priced, the set \$2 to \$5.

**Special Attractions for the Children**

Be sure to take the children to see Christmas Tree Park, on the Fourth Floor and the "Indian Village" on the Second Floor.

## This Mackinaw Outfit for \$5.00

—Coat, Hat, Leggings

The Mackinaw Outfit—shown in the illustration—consists of coat, hat and leggings to match; all sizes 3 to 10 years.

This is just what you should buy to keep your boy good and warm during the cold weather. Our price for the complete outfit is but \$5.

Mackinaw "Rah Rah" Hats with pull-down inside-band, are specially priced at 30c.

Other Mackinaw Coats, made in the Norfolk style, and in all sizes, are priced \$5 and \$7.50.

## Other Clothing and Furnishings for Boys

Boys' School Overcoats \$3.95  
Boys' School Norfolk Suits \$3.95  
Boys' Black Raincoats \$2.95  
Boys' Black Hats to match 50c  
Boys' Tan Raincoats \$5.00  
Boys' Tan Hats to match 50c  
Boys' French Cheviot Balmacaan Overcoats \$4.75  
Boys' Sample Wash Suits \$1.00

In the section devoted to Boys' Furnishings, you will find an unusually large and varied assortment of new Neckwear, Blouses, Collars, Hats, Caps and other furnishings, which will meet every need.

Adjoining our "Indian Village" you will find Indian Suits, Scout Suits, Police and Rough Rider Suits, etc., Indian Wigwags and Squaw Suits, at prices ranging from \$1 to \$15.

## An Ideal Gift—a Player-Piano

One Should Be In Every Home

As a feature for tomorrow's selling, we are offering the five Henderson Player-Pianos which we have left in stock at the very special holiday sale price of

**\$300**

**Terms: \$10 Cash and \$2 Weekly or \$8 Monthly**

This beautiful Player-Piano is full, standard size with an Empire top and is equipped with the Gubrunseye player action and transposing device and will play in seven different keys.

We include, at the above price, a beautiful duet bench with music compartment, twelve rolls of music and free tuning for one year.

**We have "Hand-Played" Rolls and "Vocalstyle" Rolls in both classical and popular selections on sale here.**

Sixth Floor.

## New Clothing Will Be Needed by Many for Christmas



With the Christmas holidays at hand many will frequently want to "dress up," and if you haven't the Clothing that you need come to Vandervoort's for it.

Our range of styles, materials and prices is such as to meet everyone's needs, and we invite an early inspection of our stocks.

## We Feature Suits at \$19.75

Men's Suits in one, two, three and four-button models, with patch or regulation pockets; choice of brown, blue, green or gray, in small checks, plaids, stripes, etc. Lined with a good, serviceable quality of alpaca. Price \$19.75.

## Excel'ent Overcoats at \$19.75

Men's Overcoats in loose-fitting, form-fitting, double-breasted, ulster and Chesterfield styles, also long quilted-lined overcoats with Astrakhan collars. These garments are mostly in greens, grays, Oxford and browns, in both fancy and conservative styles, as well as some blue, gray and black kersey overcoats. All are excellently lined and trimmed. Price \$19.75.

## Other Overcoats at \$30 and \$40

Men's long Black Cravenette Unfinished Worsteds Overcoats with silk linings. These are fast-black and splendidly tailored. Price \$30.00.

Men's Inverness Overcoats with cape; full silk lined; made from fine unfinished worsteds. \$40.00.

## Many Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits

Men's Full Dress Suits will be needed for the Christmas activities and we have a varied assortment of full silk-lined garments, made from such cloths as crepe and unfinished worsteds. These are priced \$25.00 to \$55.00.

Other Full-silk-lined Tuxedo Suits \$20.00 to \$45.00.  
Separate Tuxedo Coats—silk lined \$15.00 to \$25.00.

## Men's Fancy Vests in Great Variety

Men's Fancy Vests in light, dark and medium shades, and in styles that are being shown now for the first time. Included are the double-breasted Vests with convertible collar; low-cut double-breasted Vests with the regulation collar, as well as other desirable styles. These are excellent for Christmas gifts and are priced at \$3.50 to \$8.50.

Second Floor.

## Do Not Delay the Selection of Your Victrola

Every home should own a Victrola and especially at Christmas time. If you have a Victrola in your home you are sure of entertainment at any time, or dance music if you need it.

Our stock of Victrolas and Victor Records is a large one and selections may be comfortably and satisfactorily made in one of our beautiful soundproof demonstration rooms. Our service, too, is unexcelled.

**Victrolas, \$15 to \$350**  
**Victor Records, 60c and Up**  
Sold on Easy Terms.

Sixth Floor.

**Victrola Recital Tomorrow**

With Organ and Piano Accompaniment by Mr. Wm. M. Jenkins

Also Organ Selections by Mr. Jenkins—In Our Auditorium at 3:00 P. M.

Sixth Floor.

## A Notable Sale of Our Finest Apparel for Misses

Just in time for Christmas giving comes this offering of a small quantity of our very highest grade Suits and Evening Dresses for Misses at prices much lower than those at which they were originally priced.

Shrewd shoppers will be quick to take advantage of these offerings, because it will be impossible to secure any more garments made from such fine materials, because the materials will not be obtainable.

Each of these garments possesses a distinctiveness and individuality of style, due to being exact copies of the very finest models. No two are alike.

## There Are Just Nine Garments in the Lot

One Maize Flowered Satin Evening Gown in Princess style—copy of an Agnes model; size, 16 years; regular value, \$22.50, now \$19.50.

One Restaurant Gown of midnight blue taffeta with overdress of blue net; size, 16 years; regular value, \$75.00, now \$57.50.

One Brown Velvet Suit, elaborately trimmed with beautiful Marten fur—a flare model; size, 16 years; regular value, \$87.50, now \$65.00.

One Black Velvet Suit in combination with black broadcloth—copy of a Paquin model; size, 18 years; regular value, \$22.50, now \$19.50.

One Green Velvet Suit, trimmed with Marten fur—seven-eighths length coat; size, 18 years; regular value, \$90.00, now \$65.00.

One Pompadour Satin Evening Gown with overdrape of delft blue silk net and with silver trimmings—copy of a Zala model; size, 16 years; regular value, \$135.00, now \$100.00.

One Black Lyons Velvet Suit with White Fox fur trimming—copy of a Paquin model; size, 18 years; regular value, \$145.00, now \$110.00.

## Misses' Velvet, Plush and Broadcloth Coats

We are featuring, particularly, a most excellent stock of Misses' Velvet, Plush and Broadcloth Coats which are luxuriously trimmed with fur; also some extremely stylish models for street, afternoon and evening wear, beautifully lined with colored satin. These are full-flaring models and are shown in sizes 14 to 18 years. Prices \$27.50 to \$59.50.

Third Floor.

## These Charming Little Dresses for Girls Will Make Excellent Gifts

A practical Christmas gift for a girl of 6 to 14 years of age would be one of these little Dresses of serge, silk or velvet. There are only 35 of them in the lot, and only one or two of a style. They are really worth up to \$17.50. Sale prices, while they last \$4.90 to \$12.50.

## Girls' Street and Afternoon Dresses

Girls' Street and Afternoon Dresses of serge, silk and velvet, in a variety of models and a wide range of styles; sizes 6 to 14 years. Prices \$3.90 to \$22.50.

## Other Dresses and Winter Coats for Girls

For party wear, we are showing Girls' Dresses of chiffon, taffeta and crepe de chine, in pink, light blue, maize and orchid; sizes 6 to 16 years (intermediate). Prices \$9.75 to \$29.50.

Also Gingham Dresses in plaids, stripes and solid colors—sizes 6 to 14 years. Prices \$1.00 to \$3.00.

Third Floor.

## Girls' Hats Valued Up to \$7.50

A feature of our Juvenile Trimmed Millinery Shop for tomorrow is this special lot of about 50 Trimmed Hats, made from an unusually high quality of Lyons velvet and trimmed with flowers, fur and ribbon. These include values up to \$7.50, but are priced, while they last, at but \$2.95.

Third Floor.

## Give the Children New Footwear as a Gift for Christmas





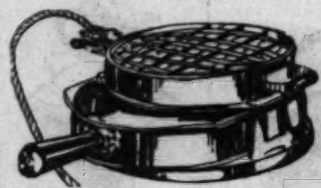


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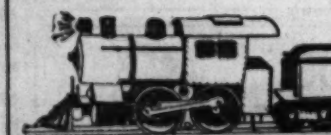
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A large variety of Fancy Lamps—Birds, Animals, Flowers, Clocks. Special sale of Fruit Lamps. each. 20c



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## 1000 SEATS AT MUNICIPAL DANCE NEW YEAR'S EVE

Twelfth Street to Be Asphalted and Corn Meal Used to Make Gliding Surface.

Seats for 1000 spectators will be provided around the space to be reserved for the municipal New Year's eve dance in "Christmas Court," on Twelfth street, between St. Charles and Olive streets. A new set of bleachers, recently purchased by the Park Department, will be used for the first time.

One section of the seats will be placed at the Olive street end of the dance arena and another will be at the north end. Each section will seat about 500 persons.

The big Christmas tree will be placed on the west side of the street car tracks on Twelfth street, north of Locust street and directly in front of Hotel Jefferson. Smaller trees will border the two blocks on both sides of the streets from St. Charles to Olive street and will be connected with lines of electric lights.

The dance arena will be surrounded by wire netting to prevent crowding of the dancers. The space will be 60 by 150 feet, twice the size of the arena last year. Two entrances on the west side will be made, and the dancers will be required to clear the floor by using two exits on the east side.

The granite paving blocks between the street car tracks will be temporarily covered with a coating of asphalt, making the entire arena smooth for dancing. Corn meal will be used to further improve the paving for dancers.

Bonfires will be built at each end of the dance arena, on armor plate two feet above the street surface. Four oil stoves will be used in the bandstand for the musicians. The bandstand will be equipped with curtains to break the wind from the musicians.

School Children Will Sing Carols Christmas Eve.

St. Louis is the first city in the United States to have public school pupils revive the old custom of carol singing at Christmastime. Thirty-seven groups of singers, from the seventh and eighth grades of the grammar schools, as well as high schools, will sing on Christmas eve in the interests of the St. Louis Children's Aid Society for the destitute and homeless children of St. Louis. In almost every group the children's teacher has volunteered to chaperon them.

The principals of the schools have shown great interest in co-operation in helping the pupils select the routes where they will sing. Mrs. Sidney Schwab, chairman of the Committee on Schools, reports that the following schools have selected their routes: Marquette, Bates, Sherman, Sigel, Farragut, Lincoln, Horace Mann, Delany, Gratiot, Irving, Dexter, Garfield, Wyman, Cleveland High, Madison, Arlington, Blow, Teachers' College, Central High, Pope, Glasgow, Oak Hill, Adams, Hodgson, Benton, Rock Spring, Central High and Soldan High.

More Snow Coming.

Hundreds of Men Will Get Work. Overcoats and Suits Given Away. Splendid heavy Overcoats and Suits, well made and trimmed, 25c. Boys' suits and Overcoats, 1.25. Jeans and Corduroy Pants, 50c. Men's and boys' fur-in-hand Caps, 25c. Sweater Coats and Flannel Shirts, 25c. Men's heavy Jersey Coats, 1.25. Canvas Gloves, 5c. Men's wool underwear, 50c. Wool Knicker Pants, 10c. Reduction Sale, Globe, 7th and Franklin.—Adv.

### ARRESTED FOR ROBBING IN 1912

Edward McKinney, 22 years old, of 70 North Fourteenth street, was arrested last night on a charge of burglary in connection with the robbery of the photo store of Bernard N. Graff, 604 Olive street in 1912. He was found shortly after the robbery serving time in the workhouse for another larceny. He was taken from the workhouse to testify in another larceny case and escaped on the way to the Municipal Courts Building. He was recaptured, but released when his term expired through a clerical error.

Incubators, brooders and poultry supplies. Write for our new 1916 poultry catalog. St. Louis Seed Co., 411 Washington avenue.

Deputy City Collector Dies.

Frederick M. Mitchell, 69 years old, of 66 Virginia avenue, deputy collector in City Collector Koehn's office for the past three years, died at his home last night, following a nervous breakdown a week ago. He fainted on a street car while going home Saturday.

He is survived by a son, Dean Mitchell, of Indiana, and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Ferry.

BILL: Don't be hard up at Christmas; buy all your presents at Lot's Bros. & Co., National Credit Jewelers, 2d floor, 308 N. 7th. Their "Double Double" doubles the buying power of your money.

Girl Badly Hurt in Fall.

Virginia Davis, 4 years old, of the Mission Free School, 369 North Taylor avenue, was seriously hurt yesterday afternoon while playing with the larger pupils. One of the other girls was swinging her by the arms, and let her go. She fell upon the pavement, and was cut and bruised. She is at the city hospital.

The Palace, 516 Washington avenue, Desk Sets and Smokers' Articles.

Franklin Newhall, "Apple King," Dies. CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Franklin Newhall, 82 years old, long known throughout the Middle West as the "Apple King," died early today in Glenview, a suburb of Chicago. He owned orchards near his home and had 6000 acres of orchards on Manitou Island, Mich.

Holiday Cards Free With Bread. Ask the grocer. Christmas postals or seals and tags wrapped free with every loaf of McKinney's Butter-Nut Bread.

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## BOYS' CLOTHES

SAVE ALMOST 1/2 SATURDAY



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**\$3.50 Boys' Suits \$1.83**

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**\$5.00 Boys' Suits \$2.83**

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**\$7.50 Boys' Suits \$3.73**

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**\$12 Boys' Suits \$5.83**

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**\$5 Boys' Overcoats \$2.83**

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**\$3.50 JUVENILE NOVELTY SUITS \$1.98**

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Captain Killed by Fall From Horse.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Capt. Frank  
Robards, United States Marine Corps  
son of W. C. Robards of San Antonio,  
Texas, was killed yesterday by a fall  
from his horse while on duty with the  
expeditionary force near Port au Prince,  
Haiti.

## MUD MORE DREADED AT ARGONNE FRONT THAN SHELLS OR BAYONETS

Battle With It Is Continuous and Post-Dispatch  
Man Finds That Mire Causes More Sickness  
Than Shrapnel Does Wounds.

BY LINCOLN EYRE,  
A Staff Correspondent of the Post-  
Dispatch and the New York World.  
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FIELD HEADQUARTERS OF THE  
FRENCH ARMIES IN ARGONNE, Dec.  
16.—In the Argonne a great battle is  
raging. It isn't a fresh French offensive  
nor yet another of the Crown  
Prince's futile attempts to break through  
and invest Verdun.

The official communication contains no  
mention of it. Yet to the men in the  
trenches it is a far more harassing en-  
gagement than any into which they  
might charge with bayonets fixed. An  
outburst "from the line" from German  
batteries they would deem insignificant  
alongside the unceasing attacks of their  
present foe.

For the name of that foe is mud. He  
is more tenacious-clinging is perhaps  
a better word—than ever was Von Hin-  
denberg's pincers upon the flanks of the  
Russian Bear; more enduring in his on-  
slaught than the longest bombardment  
and more disagreeable to face than a  
German machine gun. He doesn't have  
to begin an offensive. He is always of-  
fensive. Any amount of German high  
explosives is preferred to a like amount  
of mud.

Private Jack Casey, erstwhile New  
Yorker, but now a veteran of the For-  
eign Legion, murmured morosely to me:  
"I don't mind the fighting, but I want  
to get out of the mud. Say, can't you  
get me into the aviation corps?" After  
what I have seen and done here in Ar-  
gonne I don't blame him for feeling that  
way.

Drew Voller at Themselves.  
Five other civilians besides myself, and  
several French officers brought down  
upon our hapless heads a volley of high  
explosives, because in vainly seeking es-  
cape the greater enemy, mud, we ex-  
posed ourselves to the telescopic gaze  
of a lesser one—artillery.

Here's how it happened. A Colonel  
and five men who, with myself, are the  
guests of the French Government at  
the front, had from such diverse points  
as Christiania, Copenhagen, Geneva,  
Buenos Aires and Pekin. We had the  
honor of being entertained at luncheon  
by the General commanding the armies  
in the Argonne in a charming old man-  
sion used as his headquarters. Five  
courses were set before us within sound  
of the "Jack Johnsons." It couldn't  
have been surpassed by Delmonico, and  
the conversational accompaniment was  
delightful.

But through the talk, which ranged  
from politics in China to conjectures  
as to why a German saber had been  
used to slash open an antique side-  
board in the dining room, the subject of  
mud kept constantly recurring. The  
General's parting advice as we started  
off to the trenches was: "Keep clear of  
shells—and mud." It amused us that a  
General should imagine we were afraid  
of mud.

We compared notes on mud we had  
known and decided that the Argonne  
couldn't possibly show anything classier  
in that line than our respective commu-  
nities had produced. Scorning to dress  
up for a little jaunt to the front, some  
of our companions pointed with pride  
to the brightness of their footgear. I  
felt quite abashed at having worn my  
heaviest boots until I caught the amazed  
expression of the staff officers and no-  
ticed their boots were several degrees  
heavier than mine.

Sea, Wrecked Village.  
En route to the Four de Paris, where  
we were to leave our motors and strike  
into the boyaux (communicating  
trenches), we stopped at Sommeilles.  
Sommeilles is one of the skeleton vil-  
lages in Northern France. It had been  
burned to the ground with mathematical  
deliberation, and a goodly percentage of  
its inhabitants shot.

A quaint old hero who dwelt in a  
wooden house of a type built by Amer-  
ican Quakers, gave me an inkling of  
horror never described even in official  
reports.

"See that cellar there," he said, point-  
ing to where a house had stood. "An  
old man and four women were shot in  
there. The Germans stuck their rifles  
through the cellar windows and fired  
again and again. I saw it with these  
eyes. I saw them do the same things in  
1870, too, but they'll never get a chance  
to do them again."

We moved off into the depths of the  
forest of Argonne, where the army of  
the Crown Prince lay so snugly en-  
sconced behind its eastern fortifica-  
tions. Before long we found ourselves  
struggling in the clutches of that other  
enemy—mud.

By the time our ankles were sub-  
merged in the brown slime of the  
hoarux our officer guides stopped and  
consulted an expert in mud strategy as  
to which path was best. One could tell  
by the alertness of his expression, even  
under its mask of clotted mud, that he  
knew all there was to be known about  
liquefied soil.

"Mon Capitaine," he said, "if you go  
this way you probably will be drowned;  
if you go that way you can only get  
back in the mud."

"Running Water on Every Floor."  
We chose the latter route and as we  
filed by the strategist I asked him how  
it was in the firing trenches. "Very lux-  
urious, Monsieur," he replied; "we have  
running water on every floor."

Our objective point was a summit  
from which, screened by trees, we could  
gaze upon the German lines a few hun-  
dred yards away. We were too well  
served by mud, however, for me to  
remember whether we ever reached this  
crest. I recall only that at one place  
the bayon suddenly ceased and we  
stepped out into the sight of German  
snipers across a narrow valley. The  
relief of merging from the oozy em-  
brace of the bayon's bank walls led  
me to forget those hostile eyes alto-  
gether.

Panting, we stood for several minutes  
in the open. My only thought as I  
gazed across at the ribbons of earth

behind which crouched the Crown  
Prince's legions was, is there as much  
mud there as here! Then we lurched  
back again into the other boyau. Water  
overtook us. It wasn't exactly water,  
either, with which we were besieged—it  
was fluid mud. It clung to our calves  
and then to our knees and was about to  
tackle us about the thighs. We cried  
enough!

We clambered out of that sticky ditch  
and rasted our feet again upon the com-  
paratively solid earth. We civilians  
would be content to linger indefinitely  
at that point. But officers hadn't for-  
gotten that where a bayon has been  
built it is unwise to show one's self  
long above it. Demanded autumn trees  
are none too secure a protection when  
one is only 100 yards from the opposing  
line.

So we began to move toward the rear.  
Up to that time it had been quiet in our  
sector, but now there came suddenly a  
gadfly note of a transient shell. I  
thought it seemed fairly close, and a  
subsequent explosion proved that it  
wasn't more than 200 yards away. At  
the front one speedily becomes inured to  
the song of shells, provided it doesn't  
rise to a crescendo in his immediate  
neighborhood. So we plodded along  
through the underbrush, taking small  
notice of several other explosions in the  
woods, until suddenly a new note arose  
above the trooping.

Instantly we came to a halt. It was  
the familiar whining whee of the in-  
coming projectile, coming close, com-  
plicated by a louder, more metallic men-  
ace and deepening into a whoosh which  
rang fearfully in one's brain.

All that I can remember after that  
was a cinematograph glimpse of the of-  
ficer ahead of me flinging himself and  
his heavy blue uniform into the mud:  
a combination of earthquake, volcanic  
eruption and cloudburst right next door  
to me, attended by a partial eclipse of  
what little sun there was left in the  
sky.

When I came to I was reclining in a  
posture assumed by the others in the  
party—as close to the ground as pos-  
sible—and various black objects were  
drifting earthward all about us.

"Don't get up until all the pieces have

fallen," I heard someone say, and then  
an officer tranquilly observed that "that  
one was only about 20 yards away—a  
35-millimeter, too."

We didn't have to be told to hustle  
along after we'd recovered our equi-

librium. Whenever another shell ex-  
ploded within five miles of us we broke  
into a jog trot and when our staff  
guides confirmed our worst suspicions  
by plaintively remarking he couldn't see  
what on earth they were firing at, un-

less it was at us, our pace became  
fairly a lively sprint.

We showed up on entering the road  
upon which we were waiting our cars, but  
even then, our chauffeurs told us, shells  
had been dropping at regular intervals,  
and one had burst only 10 yards from  
the motor. I for one didn't feel com-  
fortable until we got to Saint Man-  
moud. Even there, a sign on the door  
of our hotel read, "Bombed out either in  
case of bombardment."

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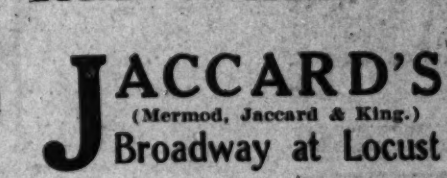


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Watch, in popular octagon shape, studded  
with pure white diamonds of brilliancy;  
fitted with 15-jewel move-  
ment; special... \$95.00



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\$14.95 Skunk-Opossum Muffs... \$9.95  
\$14.95 Black Wolf Muffs... \$7.95  
\$25.00 Seal Muffs... \$14.95  
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leather shoes with  
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leather shoes with  
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soles; sizes  
1 to 5 at  
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Mrs. Elizabeth Louise Webb, wife of  
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**"PLEASE, SIR, I'M  
SENTENCED TO DIE,"  
SAID THE SOLDIER**

"But Where's Your Escort,"  
Asked the Amazed Captain;  
"Oh, They Got Drunk."

Correspondence of the Post-Dispatch.  
LONDON, Dec. 4.—A staff captain in  
France writes interestingly of some of  
the odd experiences he has had in con-  
nection with his official duties at the  
front. The following is his letter:

"I was sitting in my tent at a rail-  
head near Armentieres. The flap was  
pulled aside and a man entered and  
asked for the officer on duty. As I oc-  
cupied this proud position, I inquired  
his business.

"Please sir, I want to go to Rouen,"

he said.

"Very well; who are you?"

"I'm a prisoner."

"A prisoner? Then where's your es-  
cort?"

"Oh, they got drunk at Giverny and  
lost my ticket. I thought the best thing  
would be to ask you for another. It's  
quite all right, sir. I'm sentenced to  
death. This is my warrant, committing  
me to the military prison at Rouen.

Please, when is there a train?"

"I started at him in amazement. This  
was the coolest customer I had ever  
seen. Here was a man walking about  
with a death sentence hanging over his  
head and calmly inquiring when it would  
be convenient to carry it into effect.

I asked for details. They were prompt  
forthcoming. According to the papers  
he produced, my visitor had been court-  
martialed for sleeping at his post and  
sentenced to be shot. There was a  
prospect, however, of the sentence be-  
ing commuted to penal servitude, and  
this was why he was on his way to the  
military prison at Rouen. All I  
could do was to forward him there with  
a fresh escort. What his ultimate fate  
was I never knew.

"One bitter night, as I was shivering  
over a brat in my hut, there was a  
timid knock at the door. Opening it,  
I saw three ragged, unshaven, miserable  
figures dressed partly in khaki and  
partly in civilian clothing.

"What is it?" I demanded.

"Please, sir," returned the spoken-  
man, "we want to give ourselves up."

"Who are you?"

"Please, we're deserters."

"The poor fellows looked like it, too.  
I never saw three such miserable spec-  
imens of humanity in all my life. By  
degrees I got their story from them. Ac-  
cording to this, they had been in the  
trenches and had been sent down to the  
base for six days' rest. After three  
days, however, they were ordered to go  
up to the front again. Foolishly insist-  
ing upon what they termed their rights,  
they had then to adopt their own ex-  
pression—'done a bunk.' For the best  
part of a week they had hidden them-  
selves in goods (freight) trains and trav-  
eled about the country by night, living  
on turnips 'swatched' from fields or such  
food as they could procure in villages.

"I suppose you know you'll be shot?"

I said.

"That doesn't matter," returned the  
leader. "The fact is, we'd rather be  
shot than go back to the trenches. It's  
simply hell there just now."

"I had no choice but to hand them  
over to the military police. As it hap-  
pened, however, they were not shot.

French Mixed Candies, 15c lb.  
2 lbs. 30c, at Olympia, 718 Franklin.

**WHOLESALE GROCERY CLERK  
CHARGED WITH GRAND LARCENY**

Goods Stolen From Company Were  
Recovered at Retail Stores Where  
They Had Been Sold.

A warrant charging grand larceny  
was issued against Gus Gummehelmer,  
33 years old, of 3015 Keokuk street,  
this morning. He was arrested on com-  
plaint of the Scudder-Gale Wholesale  
Grocery Co., by which he was employed  
as shipping clerk. Groceries stolen from  
the concern were found at the grocery  
stores of Henry Nolde, 118 S. South  
Eighteenth street, and Charles West,  
Nebraska avenue and Keokuk street.

The grocers said they had purchased  
them from Gummehelmer.

A few days ago Joseph Helderle of  
the undertaking firm of Wacker-Hel-  
derle, 221 South Broadway, turned over  
to the police a 10-pound sack of walnuts  
received at his place, but not ordered.

Gummehelmer said he sent the nuts  
as a gift for some of his friends em-  
ployed at the undertaking parlors and  
intended paying for them.

The goods recovered by the police are  
valued at about \$200.

The Palace, 516 Washington avenue,  
Open evenings. Electroliners at all prices.

**BABY BURNED IN CRIB DIES**

Three-Month-Old Infant Succumbed  
at Children's Hospital.

Francis Elchnor, 3 months old, died  
today at the Children's Hospital, Jef-  
ferson avenue and Adams street, from  
burns suffered yesterday at the Elchnor  
home, 1213 Arlington avenue.

The coroner's office was informed by  
telephone that in some manner the  
baby's crib caught fire, but no details  
were given.

DICKY, THE GIRL YOU LOVE is worth  
her weight in gold. Buy her a diamond  
ring for Christmas at Latta Bros. & Co.,  
The National Credit Jewelers, at 1000  
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Mayor Vetoes Vote on His Recall.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 17.—Mayor James  
G. Woodruff yesterday vetoed a resolu-  
tion passed by the City Council ordering  
a recall election Jan. 4, affecting the  
Mayor and four members of the Police  
Commission. The validity of the veto  
probably will be contested in the courts.

Your Grocer Has a Gift for You.

Every wrapped loaf of McKinnon's  
Butter-Nut Bread, 1 lb., has a package  
of holiday cards and tags enclosed, with-  
out additional cost.

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**Handkerchief Department**

Tomorrow's special,  
3000—25c Handkerchiefs... 9c

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chiefs for... 5c

**Waists**

10,000 Beautiful Waists in a Sale Tomorrow. Main Floor.



Regular \$7.95 & \$10  
**Waists**

(In Gift Boxes)

Pussy willow silks, Georgette crepes, combi-  
nations of Georgette and pussy willow silks,  
hand-embroidered Georgettes, tailored and  
fancy styles, including the "Skating Blouse."

at \$5.00



Regular \$5 & \$6.95  
**Waists**

(In Gift Boxes)

Fancy Georgette crepes, all-over laces and  
chiffon, crepe de chine, laces and many fan-  
cy materials, pastel shades and suit colors.

at \$3.95



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**Waists**

(In Gift Boxes)

In pastel and suit shades, Georgette crepes,  
crepe de chine, laces and chiffon, radium  
silks and satins—tailored and dressy styles.

at \$2.95



Regular \$1.50 & \$1.95  
**Waists**

(In Gift Boxes)

Striped silks, all-over laces, China  
silks and plaids—pretty new styles to  
select from.

at \$1.00

**New Furs—"In a Sale"**



\$25 Red Fox  
Sets \$14.95

Double Fur Animal Scarfs  
Barrel Muffs; trimmed with  
head and tail; tomorrow...

\$30 Red Fox  
Sets \$17.95

Barrel Muff and Animal  
Scarfs; both trimmed with  
head and brush tail; high  
lustrous fur; tomorrow...



Jap Mink  
Set \$29.50

Large Barrel Muffs  
with Jap Mink; ani-  
mal on sides and  
fancy shape Scarfs  
to match; special  
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Jap Mink  
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Barrel Muffs with  
silk shirred sides;  
fancy model  
Scarfs to match;  
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**Hudson Seal Coats Reduced**

1 only, \$285 Hudson Seal and Skunk, fancy model, 45 inches long, special, \$185  
1 only, \$235 Hudson Seal and Beaver Collar, Cuffs and Border; belt effect, \$145  
1 only, \$275 Hudson Seal and Beaver Collar, Cuffs & Border; full loose box, \$175  
1 only, \$325 Hudson Seal and Blue Fur Collar and Cuffs; belt effect.....\$200  
Other Coats from \$82.50 to \$137.50 in this sale.

**Sale of Men's and Women's Gift Slippers**

Every style and kind for men and women included in this great sale tomorrow—(Main Floor and Balcony.)



Black or  
tan kid,  
\$1.98



Black or  
tan kid,  
\$1.98



Felt with  
"Bastille"  
sole,  
98c



Felt  
leather heel,  
turn sole,  
98c



Felt with  
"Comfy"  
sole,  
\$1.48



Felt  
leather heel,  
turn sole,  
\$1.48

**\$1.95 Black Silk Petticoats**

Regular \$1.95 Black Moun-  
tain Silk Petticoats—only 80  
in the lot—tomorrow.....

for \$1.00

**Coats**

Hundreds of New Coats for a sale tomorrow.

**\$20 Plush Coats &  
\$25 Corduroy Coats**

Tomorrow—

**\$15.75**

Here is a grand opportunity to buy a splendid Winter  
Coat. Many are fur trimmed, plushes and corduroys  
included also are broadcloths and coats of  
heavy coating cloths—all at the one price.. \$15.75

**\$10 & \$14.75 Coats**  
And a few that were \$16.50—  
beautiful mixtures and wool  
plushes, and a few striped black  
plushes are included.....

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**Girls' Coats in a Sale!**

**\$12.50 and \$15 Coats**

Coats of sibilines, chevots and fancy worsteds, velvet  
or fur trimmed; sizes 10 to 16 years.

Sale Price.....

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**\$8.95 & \$10 Coats**  
Fur-trimmed Coats  
of chevots, mix-  
tures and corduroy,  
sizes 6 to 14 years.  
Sale Price.....

\$7.45

**\$6.95, \$7.95  
Coats**  
Coats of chevot,  
corduroy and Bed-  
ford, velvet and  
plush trimmed, sizes  
6 to 14 years.  
Sale Price.....

\$4.95

**\$5.95 Coats**  
Coats of cordu-  
roy, with quilted  
linings; all colors,  
sizes 6 to 14 years.  
Sale Price.....

\$3.95

Special Sale of Children's Furs, Saturday

Women's \$1.00 Night Dresses

(Main Floor.)

Only 100 Nightdresses in the lot—they are slightly mussed  
from handling, but all are wonderful bargains—tomorrow.....

Other bargains in our Undermitten Department—tomorrow.

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**Women's \$1 Gloves**

Tomorrow **69c** Saturday

Only 350 pairs of one and two-clasp Gloves—white,  
light and dark tan—for Saturday only. (Main Floor.)



**\$2.50 Glove Silk Vests \$1.50**

Women's regular \$2.50 Glove Silk Vests, in pink and white—  
embroidery or tailored band tops—for Saturday only (Main Floor).

**"Winter" Trimmed Hats**

at Ridiculously Low Prices Tomorrow.

Up to \$19.50 Trimmed Hats.....\$4.75

Up to \$12.00 Trimmed Hats.....\$3.75

Up to \$ 7.50 Trimmed Hats.....\$1.00

All Children's Hats—too!

1 lot of Children's Hats up to \$1.25 for.....39c

1 lot of Children's Hats up to \$2.00 for.....49c

1 lot of Children's Hats up to \$10.00 for.....\$1.98



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**\$9 to \$17.50**  
HALF OF FORMER PRICE

Coats for Women, Misses and Children  
**\$3 to \$35**

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**\$6 to \$42**

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## 50,000 GERMAN TROOPS IN BELGIUM HOMESICK AMID SORROWING PEOPLE

Unhappiness Is in Air While Conquerors Sadly Yearn to Be Back With Children—Food Cheaper Than in Germany Because of American Relief Commission's Work.

By Karl H. Kitchen,

A Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Nov. 6.—The most notable change in Brussels since the German occupation is the large number of soldiers one meets in every part of the city. During my first hour in the Belgian capital I saw more soldiers than I did in a week's stay in Berlin. Very few of the soldiers one sees around Brussels are armed. There are sentries at the Gare du Nord, in front of the various administrative offices and the Palais de Justice. Occasionally a small detachment marches through the streets. The majority of the soldiers one sees are men off duty who are taking the air or sight-seeing.

About 50,000 German troops are in and around Brussels, most of them members of the landsturm, and consequently men between 40 and 50 years old. They are not billeted on the townspeople, as many people in America suppose. They are quartered in barracks, but most of their waking hours—except when they are on duty—are spent in the city.

There has been a great change in the appearance of the German troops in Brussels since the early days of the war. The first troops that occupied the capital were beardless youths, straight as ramrods, with monocled officers in immaculate uniforms. The troops there today are mustached or bearded, many of them decidedly overweight, with speckled officers in ill-fitting garb.

To be sure, you will see a number of smart looking officers at Gen. von Blesing's headquarters, but neither the average soldier nor officer in Brussels today is typical of the German army as it was before the war.

All Anxious to Return Home. I talked with several soldiers during my walk along the botanical gardens to the boulevard Des Arts on my way to the American legation. The soldiers I chatted with in German would not talk about themselves, but the old landsturm (old when military ages are considered) here in Brussels are only too glad to find a sympathetic ear. Nearly everyone I have met told me how many children he has at home, and how anxious he is to get back to his friends. They are a homesick lot, the present occupants of Brussels, and as well behaved and orderly set of men as one could find the world over.

Next to the omnipresent landsturm, the most noticeable change in Brussels is in the appearance of the inhabitants. The people of Brussels are in mourning for the sad plight of their country. They are dressed in black. I did not encounter a genuine touch of color anywhere during my stay in the Belgian capital. At first this did not strike me as surprising, but after several hours without seeing any joyful raiment (I do not consider the gray cloaks of the Germans objects of joy) I began to experience a feeling of depression. It is impossible to explain my sensations except to say that I felt like a visitor in a home where death had come.

I spoke of this to the rector of the English church whom I met at the American legation. He said nearly everyone who visits this city today is affected with a similar depression. "The unhappiness of the people is in the very air we breathe," said the young rector. "With hundreds of thousands in a state of depression, it is only natural that you should feel it."

Belgium's Richest Man a Hostage. At the legation I had a long visit with Mr. Whitlock, who was preparing to return to America for a much needed vacation, and with Hugh Gibson, the first secretary, whom I had met in Havana four years ago. While I was visiting with them Edouard Solvay, the richest man in Belgium, came in to pay his respects to Mr. Whitlock. This old man—he is 84 and not unlike Andrew Carnegie in appearance—is one of the German hostages. Yet he is allowed every liberty. He informed us that he has just returned from a mountain climbing trip in Switzerland, where he reached an altitude of 10,000 feet—a respectable climb for a man 30 years his junior. The old gentleman was in a happy frame of mind and joked about his financial affairs after the fashion of the Laird of Skibo. Fifty million francs of his money is tied up in Germany, he said, still he was able to give 100,000 francs to Swiss charities to commemorate his recent visit.

Of course the American Minister cannot discuss Belgian affairs for publication. But he told me of his day in the German trenches on the west front in Belgium. He had read so much about other people's experience in the trenches that he wanted to undergo the ordeal himself. Gen. von Blesing, the Military Governor, learned of his desire, offered to gratify it, and Mr. Whitlock spent a day at the front and was actually under fire.

The pass given to me at the General Staff in Berlin stated that I should report to the Presse Centrale (or official press bureau) immediately upon arrival in Brussels. Accordingly after I had paid my respects to the American Minister I went to the Presse Centrale, which has commodious quarters near the Palais Royal—the Palais Royal, by the way, is now a military hospital.

One of the most delightful conversationalists I ever met was in charge of the Presse Centrale. After signing my pass and registering me among the new arrivals, he offered to place himself at my disposal to show me the city sights. He seemed much disappointed when I informed him that I had seen all the "points of interest" in the capital. "I would be pleased to show you some of the sanitary improvements we have instituted," he suggested. "We have made many improvements here in Brussels."

"I would bore me to tears," I replied, frankly. "Perhaps you would enjoy a trip to the battlefield of Waterloo—yes?" he queried. "It can be arranged and I will send an officer with you who can explain every detail of the battle."

"I've been there—years ago," I answered. "Believe me, I'm not interested in the past—I'm interested in the present."

"The Cavell case?" he asked quickly divining my meaning. "Is that the reason you came to Brussels?"

"Of course," I replied.

"I am very glad," I am very glad," he repeated. "I shall arrange to have you see his excellency the Baron von Bising in the morning. All the facts shall be placed at your disposal. The most absurd lies have been printed about the case, I assure you. Really there's nothing remarkable about it. I can understand why so much has been made of the unfortunate affair in your country. But his excellency the Baron von Bising will give you all the facts. Come here at 11 tomorrow. I will have everything arranged. In the meantime I suggest you dine at the Taverne Royale—it is the best restaurant in Brussels. But perhaps you know it. After dinner there is a very good repertory company at the Park Theater—German classics, you know. I think 'Maria Stuart' is the bill tonight. It is very fine."

I took the advice of my obliging friend of the Presse Centrale to the extent of dining at the Taverne Royale in the Palais Royal—for I had been there before. There are few better restaurants in Europe than the Taverne Royale even in war time. Edouard, the same blond head waiter who was there two years ago and who used to be head waiter at Sherry's in New York many years ago, conducted me to a flower-decked table and began suggesting a lot of expensive dishes. I ordered a cocktail, a fillet of sole, bouillabaisse, fillet mignon, relish and an artichoke vinaigrette and 20 minutes later I ate the best dinner I had had during my trip to Europe, which included visits to Berlin, Vienna, Budapest, The Hague and London, in addition to Brussels. The best dinner in Europe—and in "starving Belgium."

Food Cheap and Plentiful. This brings me to a brief discussion of the food question—the question uppermost in the minds of most Americans. My first statement will come as a shock to many, but it is absolutely true. Food is cheaper in Belgium today than it is in Germany or Austria. This is not a claim made by the Germans—it is a statement I

## Surplus Stock Sale of Overcoats From Hart Schaffner & Marx

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### But Here's the Point:

These Overcoats are the very latest fashions. December styles in the famous Varsity Six Hundred Overcoats for young men. Chesterfields for men demanding dignity and style. Great Coats and Ulsterettes for the motorist and out-door man; Box Back Overcoats for you fellows who want plenty of ease and sweep—Overcoats for everybody, all sizes, all styles wide variety of newest fabrics and patterns. Here's your opportunity to be good to yourself.

\$20 Hart Schaffner & Marx Overcoats \$16.50 in kersey and melton fabrics, now.  
\$25 Hart Schaffner & Marx Overcoats \$19.50—in newest styles and fabrics.....  
\$30 Hart Schaffner & Marx Overcoats \$24.50—beautifully silk lined.....  
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THESE eight styles—sketched at Irwin's—will give you some idea of the beauty of the styles and the extraordinary values offered—there are scores of other designs just as attractive as these. Note the pictures—study the prices. Frankly—have you ever seen anything to equal these offerings? Our windows are filled with these Waists—and are well worth seeing.

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All put up in handsome Holly Presentation Boxes.



**Special** In this sale we offer all \$5 to \$7.50 waists for **\$3.95**

**COATS \$7.90 \$9.90 \$14.90**  
For Saturday's Selling Actual Values Up to \$30.00

**FURS OFF**

This means any Fur Coat, Muff or Hat—without reservation—every piece is marked in plain figures—and you can deduct one-third when making your selection.

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Our \$9.00 pieces..... \$6.00 Our \$25.00 pieces..... \$16.67  
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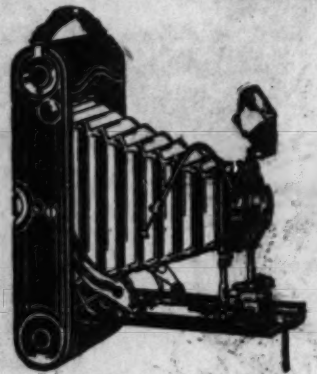
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heard from a score of people in various walks of life, and a statement which I verified by lunching and dining in several restaurants in addition to comparing the butter, eggs, fish and meat prices current in the German and Belgian capitals. This condition is due to the fact that the Belgian relief commission is constantly bringing in large supplies of food.

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Husband: "That New Piano she is playing next door has a beautiful tone, hasn't it?"

Wife: "Yes, it has."

Husband: "I wonder where they bought it?"

Wife: "Conroy's."

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The mechanic, the man with a trade and the day laborer can find employment, but the music teacher, the artist, the man who has made his living on others are daily finding their situation more precarious. While the conditions of many have improved, many others are far worse off than they were a year ago, as their savings have been exhausted. Several men and women who the wife of the American Minister met socially 18 months ago, are recipients of charity today.

**The Proud Starve in Silence.**  
Very little suffering is apparent in Brussels, for the people who suffer are not the ones to cry their troubles from the housetops. Many are too proud to make their condition known. To give aid to many of these people who were formerly well-to-do requires great tact.

Thanks to the efforts of an American banker, the finances of Belgium are on a sound basis; and labor exchanges, many manufacturing experts and German capital are gradually solving the difficult economic problem.

At the Taverne Royale I noticed boxes of "King Albert chocolates" on sale. A portrait of the brave Belgian King decorates each box. Later I discovered that portraits of King Albert were in nearly every store window. King Albert cigars, King Albert suspenders and a score of various articles similarly labeled are on sale everywhere one goes in Brussels.

**Busy Bee Candles for Christmas.**  
The sweetest story ever told. Fancy Boxes, Bags or Baskets filled with Busy Bee Candles make appropriate Christmas Gifts. Don't overlook our Christmas Special, three pounds, \$1.00 Box.

**Woman Burned to Death.**  
JOELIN, Mo., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Minerva Memby, 50 years old, wife of a farmer near here, perished in a fire which destroyed her home early today. It is believed that her clothing was ignited when she kindled a fire in a heating stove.

**Real Mahogany Desk Sets as low as \$5.00.** Palace, 515 Washington.

## WANTS LAWS TO GUARD AMERICAN TRADE AFTER WAR

Secretary Redfield Fears Destructive Type of Competition From Abroad.

SUGGESTS NEW STATUTES

Proposes to Forbid Purchase of Foreign Goods Under Certain Circumstances.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Legislation to protect the industrial and commercial markets of the United States from a "destructive type of struggle and unfair competition" at the close of the European war, is recommended to Congress by Secretary Redfield, in his annual report. Every strategem of industrial war, he says, will be used by powerful foreign agencies against American industries, which may menace large markets heretofore controlled abroad.

"In my judgment," said the Secretary, "the matter is one which may be more wisely treated as an attempted wrong to be forbidden than as an economic matter which needs to be restrained. I should prefer, therefore, to deal with it by a method other than tariffs, classing it as an offense similar to the unfair domestic competition we now forbid. It seems possible that by using the existing machinery of the Treasury Department and Department of Justice, we may restrain this foreign 'unfair competition' on both sides of the sea.

"I recommend, therefore, that such legislation be enacted as will give to the foreign representatives of the above-named departments such added powers and increased personnel as they may need for this purpose, and that it be enacted if possible that merchandise sold in 'unfair competition' or under circumstances which tend to create a monopoly in behalf of the foreign producer in American markets shall be forfeited.

**Would Amend Clayton Act.**  
"I also recommend that legislation supplementing the Clayton anti-trust act be enacted which shall make it unlawful to sell or purchase articles of foreign origin or manufacture where the prices to be paid are materially below the current rates for such articles in the country of production or from which shipments are made, in case such prices substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly in American markets in favor of a foreign producer.

"When the war shall close, the public control of railways in foreign lands, the semi-official chambers of commerce, the publicly fostered organizations which control great industries in some countries, will all exist and will all be used in an effort to recover lost commerce. The growth in the United States of industries which may menace large markets heretofore controlled from abroad will not be permitted if public and semi-public forces acting together in foreign countries can prevent it.

"The outgrowth of American industries, navy, their very existence in our own land in some cases, will be resisted to the full and every strategem of industrial war will be exerted against them. Expecting this, we must prepare for it. If it shall pass beyond fair competition and exert or seek to exert a monopolistic power over any part of our commerce, we ought to prevent it."

**Wants Foreign Trade Co-Operation.**  
Co-operation of business concerns in foreign trade is suggested to permit admission of the smaller tradesmen into that field of activity.

"The present law plays into the hands of the larger concerns and shuts out small ones from important markets," the Secretary says. "Provision should be made whereby such concerns may, with due safeguards against monopoly, co-operate in the foreign field. The whole matter should be placed under the supervision of the Federal Trade Commission and should be subject to full publicity. It is not intended that this co-operation shall extend into the domestic field."

Secretary Redfield expresses the hope that American banks will be permitted to co-operate, under supervision of the Federal Reserve Board, in establishing foreign branches, or in owning stocks of banks operating in foreign countries. Recommending Government preparation of statistics on internal commerce, he says: "It is a surprising thing that we should require by law careful knowledge concerning our export trade and allow our domestic commerce to go on without any definite knowledge concerning it."

The Secretary paid high tribute to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and to its commercial attaches abroad in securing contracts totaling millions of dollars for American business houses.

"It is not too much to say that the work of this service has been at the very center of a growing movement toward the creation of an American dyestuffs industry," the report says. "In this connection signs are not lacking that the growth of our native industry is hardly welcome to those who have heretofore had a substantial monopoly in supplying our markets from abroad." It is intimated, the report concludes, that the United States should longer depend upon any one foreign source for necessities in the dyestuffs industry.

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- No wondering and worrying about delayed bundles and packages, but everything wrapped and parceled and passed out neatly and quickly.
- No "Charge" accounts to anybody, consequently the lowest cash prices to all.

These, we say, are objects of moment to the customer and subjects of wide comment by other business men and institutions. AND LISTEN! People are surprised many times a day to find here the best of merchandise at no higher cost than is usually found on goods that are much less carefully qualified or chosen.

### Saturday's Special Prices on Gift Jewelry

\$2 Ingersoll Jr. Watches, special.....\$1.45  
10k Solid Gold Top Hatpins, special.....45c  
Pearl Beads, wax filled, in handsome boxes, special.....47c  
La Valieres, gold filled, in lined boxes, special.....95c  
Bracelet Watches, gold filled, guaranteed, special.....\$4.95

Besides these specials, there are many other beautiful gifts in gold filled and solid gold jewelry, at prices that show savings of 1/4 to 1/2. (Main Floor.)

### Silverware 1/4 OFF

We offer Saturday 100 pieces hollow ware in heavy quadruple silver plate, such as:  
Broad Plates, Cake Plates, Candlesticks, Bonbon Dishes, Tea Sets, Sugar and Creamers, and others.  
THE LINDELL low prices have been 48c to \$4.45 each. Tomorrow, pay exactly 1/4 less than the marked prices. (Main Floor.)

### Give "Her" A PAIR OF LINDELL GLOVES

FRENCH KID GLOVES, in all colors, with plain and fancy stitching on back. \$1.50  
CAPE KID GLOVES, in tan, black and white with Paris point stitching. All sizes. Pair.....\$1.50  
FANCY STITCHED AND EMBROIDERED GLOVES, in all popular colors. Heavily embroidered backs. Pair.....\$1.50  
ONE-STRAP SLIP-ON GLOVES, in tan, white and white with black stitching. Pair.....\$1.50  
SPECIAL—\$1.50 real French Kid Gloves, in different shades of tan. All sizes. Pair.....\$1.00  
WALKING GLOVES, in tan and white, \$1.00 values. Pair.....85c  
BOYS' BLACK AND BROWN VELVET GLOVES, with heavy fleeced lining and corduroy cuffs. Pair.....48c (Main Floor.)

## A Big Selling Event for Saturday Will Be Women's & Misses' Coats \$10.00



Heavy, winter weight warm Coats! \$10 will buy the best Coat that one could possibly expect—yes, much better!

New Materials,  
Fancy Mixtures,  
Plain Colors.

Come here Saturday  
if you want a Coat.  
(Lindell Coats—Third Floor.)

### EVERY GIRL WANTS FOR HER GIFT A COAT OR DRESS

For that reason we will help mother buy one for her.  
\$5.50 Coats, \$4.35 | \$4.50 Dresses, \$3.25  
Corduroy, alabine, chevrons, and velvet collars and cuffs, lined all through (ages 6 to 14). (Third Floor.)

### The Best \$1.00 Middies 55c

Sizes 14, 16, 18 and 20  
High-grade galates, trimmed with cash, navy or cardinal. The wait will be long to find equal value again. None for dealers. (LINDELL—Waists, Third Floor.)

### "Babies' Corner" Samples of Children's Coats

1 to 6 Years

\$2.95

Chinchilla Coats, and a few fancy mixtures; double-breasted models with 1/2 belt in back, or with belt all around.  
All lined throughout with good quality satens.  
THE PRICE IS VERY SPECIAL!  
(Lindell—Second Floor.)



### Boys' Chinchilla O'Coats \$4.85

Handsome, all-wool fine feeling chinchilla in blue and gray—lined with all-wool flannel—ages 3 1/2 to 14.  
BOYS' INDIAN SUITS  
Good quality khaki-trimmed with bright colored fringe and felt-collared trousers and large feather head-dress. Ages 3 to 14.....\$1.00  
Cowboy Suits.....\$1.00  
Sheriff Suits.....\$1.45  
Police Suits.....\$1.45

BOYS' \$3 BATH ROBES;  
ages 6 to 14.....\$2.10 (Second Floor.)

### Toys and Dolls

GAZES, 10c—Steeplechase, Yacht, Race, Armies, to the North Pole by Airship and others. Each in pretty box.  
ILLUSTRATED BOOKS, 5c and 10c—Alphabetical Cubes in Boston box, nicely painted. Easy for little fellows to learn the alphabet.  
\$1.45 PIANO, 12 keys, each key has picture of animals, and music is printed in same manner. Child can learn to read music and play real tunes.  
PAINT BOOK, 21c—Jack Frost and Santa Claus Painting Books. Pretty colors and pretty pictures. 100 double pages.  
BOY CONTRACTOR SETS, 45c and 85c—Construction Toys; a miniature cement block plant, where boys build their block and then build their houses.

MECCANO SETS, \$1 TO \$14

KEED DOLL CAR, \$2.45—For dolls almost as large as babies. Rubber tires, very strong wheel handle, and brake. Pretty upholstered lining.  
\$50 ROCKING HORSE, \$2.45—Shoe Fly Rocking Horse. Strongly made, and nicely finished. Only 25 left to be sold at this special price.

DOLES, 50c TO 33—Pretty Dolls for every little mother. Many to see at THE LINDELL—and then to buy.  
(Toy Store—Basement.)

### MEN'S GIFTS

#### GLOVES!

Every description of Men's Gloves at big savings!  
All-wool Scotch Gloves, plain or one-button clasp, black, gray and assorted colors. Pair.....50c  
Suede or Kid Gloves, fleeced lined. Tan and gray. Pair.....75c  
Washable cape, suede, mocha, with silk lining or unlined, with spear point or Paris back. Black, tan or gray. Pair.....\$1.00  
Washable cape and Mocha Glove. Select stock silk-lined or unlined. Gray and tan. Pair.....\$1.50

Men's \$1.50 Shirts \$1.15  
Large new lot satin stripe Crew Shirts. Stripes real heavy satin, in all the very latest colors. Sizes 14 to 17.

Three Men's 50c Neckties for \$1  
Beautiful heavy silk four-in-hands, in the largest 50c shapes. All the very latest colors and shades in both plums and stripes, figures and plaids. Special price of 35c on single ties. Each in holiday box, if desired.

#### Some of the Most Useful Men's Gifts

PUT your check mark on these, and select his gifts right away.

50c Suspender and Garter Sets.....35c  
\$1 Suspender and Garter Sets.....60c  
50c Satin Pad Garters, in a nice Christmas box—single or double grip.....15c  
50c Garter and Arm Band Sets, heavily lined.....45c  
75c Footsocks and Garters.....45c  
\$1 Wrist-Watch Safety Razor Sets.....75c

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## Tomorrow—the Last Saturday Before Christmas—Is Important at Famous-Barr Co. for Selecting Useful Gifts for Men—In the Men's Store

To women who have things to buy for men, to men who are going to "surprise themselves" with a new Christmas Suit, Overcoat or some of the luxuries of men's apparel, here is indeed an important message. This great block-long clothes store is keyed to the highest service & fullest helpfulness in the selection of suitable remembrances. Aside from the vast assortments of thoroughly dependable garments of authentic styles are price advantages that make strong appeal to the frugal minded. Look at these—

### Silk-Lined Overcoats

Special at **\$17.50**

Handsome, serviceable, dressy Coats of Reagan's fine vienna fabrics, in black & Oxford gray, hand tailored & lined throughout with Skinner's guaranteed satin. These are 46-inch Chesterfield model in sizes 34 to 48, really a \$25 value.

### Young Men's Overcoats

Fancy Styles **\$12.50**

"Would be hard indeed to select a more practical or acceptable gift than these Overcoats. There are a number of swaggy styles of the smartest new materials, some 1/4 satin lined, others full serge lined with satin sleeves, sizes 33 to 42.

### Young Men's Suits

Special at **\$11.75**

Suits that are tailored for service & for looks—extreme models for distinctive tastes as well as conservative modes. All made of strictly all-wool fabrics & Suits that are worth far in excess of the special price Saturday.

### Men's & Young Men's Mackinaw Coats

Special **\$4.95**

For skating, motorizing & outing, how ideal! Big, warm, soft garments in double-breasted Norfolk style—all sorts of fancy colorings, plaids & checks, sizes 34 to 42.

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### Men Will Find in Our \$14.50 Clothes Shop

Suits & Overcoats of the last word in style—clothes built up to a standard, not down to a price. Here are Suits in all the approved models—

Plain Oxford & Blue Twill, Bound Edge Suits, Morning Frock Coats & Vests, bound edge, Oxford & black, Balmoroon Overcoats, 10 styles, newest Scotch tweeds, Shawl Collar, double-breasted Chinchilla Overcoats, Astrakhan Collar, Black Kersey Overcoats, quilted lining.

**\$14.50**

### Men's \$3 & \$3.50 Fancy Vests

Special **\$1.90**

How well these solve gift problems. Wide diversity of fabrics, sizes 34 to 44, each in fancy box.

Other Vests at \$2.65, \$3.75 & \$4.75.

### Men's \$25 Silk-Lined Suits

at **\$19.50**

Clothes that fastidious fellows approve. Plain blue & medium gray all-wool thibet—the materials now in strong vogue—silk lined throughout & handsomely tailored. Three-button conservative models. Sizes 34 to—

### Full-Dress Suits

Styles that are positively the last word of correctness—expertly tailored & handsomely finished, also Tuxedo Suits—priced at from **\$14.50 to \$50**

### Fur-Lined Overcoats

Luxurious Great-coats for motorists, physicians, etc.—expertly tailored, lined with various furs—priced **\$17.50 to \$175**

### Men's & Y. Men's \$3.50 Trousers

**\$2.65**

Excellent Gifts. Pleasing range of worsteds & chevrons—conservative & extreme styles—sizes 28 to 42 waist.

Others at \$1.95, \$3.45 & \$5.00. Second Floor

### Smoking Jackets

Attractive Styles—Values Unequaled

**\$4.75**—Fancy back materials, loop & cord trimmed; sizes up to 52.

**\$3.95**—Two-tone materials, silk cord & loop trimmed; sizes 34 to 50.

Other Jackets, \$6.75, \$9.75 & \$11.50



### The Last Saturday Before Christmas—Come Here for Safety and Service

TOMORROW will witness the heaviest shopping of the season. Tomorrow, the last Saturday before Christmas will bring the severest test to this store's service.

Every detail is planned for. Every service feature is at its fullest efficiency. Remember this is the SAFETY FIRST Christmas Store. Here you are safeguarded against fire or mishaps as in NO OTHER ST. LOUIS STORE.

20 high-speed electric elevators (all with safety appliances), 3 double moving stairways, broad aisles that give easy access to every section & a carefully studied arrangement of stocks insure the making of most satisfactory gift selections here in the last time.



Some of the Most Stirring News We Have Yet Published About

### Misses' Coats

**\$10 & \$18.50**

With Winter in reality lurking just around the corner, this coat news is, indeed, timely—with the holidays so near at hand it is doubly so. Two matchless lots are these.

**At \$10**—Zibeline, boucle, mixtures, checks & staple colorings, in the wanted colors—many being fur trimmed. The newest styles of the season are included.

**At \$18.50**—Smart fur-trimmed models of plush, corduroy, gabardine & mixtures. Some have chin & some military collars—in belted or flaring modes. Misses' Section, Third Floor

### Famous-Barr Co.'s Gift Coupon Books

Are a novel & helpful idea that most satisfactorily solves the gift-giving problem.

Books are issued in series of \$1, \$2.50 & \$5.

In denominations of 10, 25 & 50 10c coupons.

\$1.00 Book Having 10 Coupons  
\$2.50 Book Having 25 Coupons  
\$5.00 Book Having 50 Coupons  
The Coupon Book enables the recipient to make small purchases.

Gift Certificates & Gift Coupon Books Are Issued at All Exchange Dealers.

### Slippers for Men

Here are the kind that meet the Christmas ideas. Every known style to choose from—surely just what you would like.

Opera, Everett & Romeo styles, in brown or black kid, \$1.50.  
Cavalier Slippers, brown or black, \$3.00.  
Comfy Slippers, with elk soles, 95c.

Faust, Opera or Everett patterns, kid lined, brown, black, \$2.

Boys' & Youths' Slippers, Faust, Opera or Everett styles, \$1.25. Second Floor.

### Where's There a Boy Who Would Not Enthuse Over a Suit or Overcoat for Christmas?

Choose From These **\$4.80**  
**\$7 & \$8 Ones at**

Parents seeking out the practical things will do well to consider these Suits & Overcoats. They're from the leading tailors of Boys' Clothes—J. J. Price & Co., of New York.

**Suits** are all-wool, Norfolk styles, with extra pair of knickers to

**Overcoats** of chinchilla, melton, kersey & fancy fabrics, there being sizes 2 to 17 years.

**Boys' Play Suits** 95c, \$1.45 & \$1.95

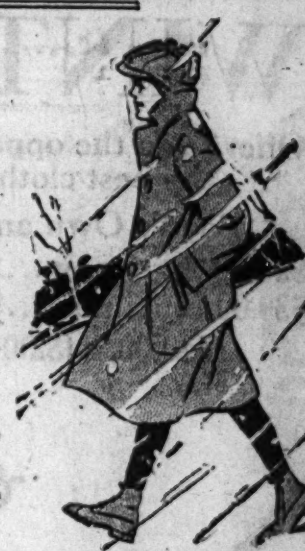
Indian, Cowboy & Soldier Suits that add great delight to the little fellows' play time.

**Cowboys' Chappys** 95c, \$1.95 to \$4.75

Various styles, some of leather, others fur or fur trimmed—just like "sure enough" cowboys wear.

**Rainy-Day Outfits** \$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.75, \$4.75

Outfit consists of coat & hat to match, & each outfit is packed in holly box; sizes 4 to 17.



### School Overcoats

Sizes 2 1/2 to 10 Years.  
**\$3.95, \$5.75, \$7.50, \$9.75**  
Large roomy Coats that insure the boys the fullest comfort, correct style & good looks.

### Chinchilla Overcoats

Sizes 2 1/2 to 10 Years.  
**\$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.75, \$6.75**  
Coats built for great service & comfort. They are in the popular colors, & single or double breasted style.

### Combination Suits

**\$3.90, \$4.80, \$6.75, \$9.75**  
Clothes that YOUR BOY will be proud to don Christmas morning & show his friends his remembrance from "Santa."

They're modeled in latest Norfolk styles, each having extra pair of trousers to match.

### Odd Knickerbockers

**69c, 95c, \$1.50 & \$2**  
Hundreds upon hundreds of pairs, all made with the idea of comfort & satisfactory wear, from materials specially chosen.

### Mackinaw Coats at \$3.75, \$4.75 & \$5.75

Bright new patterns, Norfolk models with shawl collar, all-wool fast color, red, blue, green, brown & gray, plaids, checks & stripes; sizes 6 to 18 years.

### Little Fellows' Novelty Suits

**\$2.95, \$3.75 & \$4.75**  
Clever clothes for the juveniles of 2 1/2 to 5 years, expertly tailored from fancy fabrics. Second Floor

### Sweater Coats

Coats of the sort that make ideal gifts for men at Christmas—Sweaters of finest worsteds in wanted colors.

**Men's \$5 to \$6 Sweater Coats** at \$3.95

Worsted Sweater Coats in various styles and colors.

**Men's \$6.50 to \$7.75 Sweater Coats**, \$4.95

Fine Worsted Coats, large assortment of colors & styles.

**Men's \$10 to \$12.50 Sweater Coats**, \$7.50

Highest grade of Worsted Sweater Coats, in large assortment of styles and colors. Second Floor

### December Stock-Righting of Girl's Winter Coats

Two Extraordinary Value-Giving Lots Saturday With—

**\$13.50 to \$22.50 Values at \$10**

**\$6.75 to \$7.95 Values at \$5**

Broadcloth, chinchilla, corduroy, wool plush & tailored chevrons, lined throughout & trimmed with fur, velvet & plush. Colors, red, navy, brown & gray. Sizes 6 to 14.

**\$3.95 Corduroy Dresses**, \$2.95

Red, brown & navy corduroy with white lined detachable guimpes; finished with gilt buttons—sizes 8 to 14.

**Girls' Dresses**, \$7.95 to \$16.50

Silk, velvet & serge—also handsome combinations of silk & serge or plaids & crepe meteeur or taffeta. Popular shades—sizes 6 to 16.

**\$3.95 Rain Outfits**, \$2.95

Tan & navy poplin, with Billy Burke cap to match, in leatherette bag; sizes 6 to 14.

Girls' Section, Third Floor



### Gift Suggestions for the Boys

Items in apparel accessories that will meet with enthusiastic approval from the little men.

Boys' Sweater Coats, \$1.25 to \$5.

Boys' Jersey Sweaters, \$1.25 to \$2.

Boys' Gloves for school or dress wear, 25c to \$7.

Boys' Shirts & Blouses, 50c to \$3.

Boys' Leather Belts, 25c & 50c.

Boys' Christmas Neckwear, 25c.

Boys' Bath & Blanket Robes, \$2 to \$4. Second Floor

Photo Postal Christmas Cards

Finished in a few minutes. Studio—6th Floor

### A New One! The Kingston, \$3

The last word in Men's Hats. A distinctly new silk beaver finished model, with wide brim & low creased crown.

You'll find them light in weight & you'll find them in Oxford, gray, green & brown.

Stetson Hats in 35 stiff or soft shapes, extra value at \$3.50.

Silk Hats in the new tapering crown, flat brim—silk hatter's plush, \$4.

Coney Fur Caps, with adjustable visor, satin lined, a "stronger-than-the-weather" Hat, at \$2.

Piece Seal Caps, \$5—Made of small pieces genuine seal, Detroit style, \$5.

\$15 Persian Lamb Caps, Detroit style, special at \$10.



### Kodaks at Christmas

What lasting remembrances! What splendid gifts! Their memory is perpetual through the years as perhaps no other gift.

### Autographic Brownies

No. 2 Auto Brownie at \$6.

No. 2A Auto Brownie at \$8.

Other Brownie Cameras, \$1 to \$12.

Kodaks, \$6 up.

Let us show you our complete line of Kodak Albums. Prices from 10c to \$4.

Main Floor, Aisle 2

### Children's Fur Sets

Two Specials—

**At \$1.98**

50 sets of white imitation Ermine & Angora—Pocketbook muff, shaped collar, satin lined.

Other Fur Sets for children & misses, \$6 to \$16.75.

Third Floor

**Famous-Barr Co.**  
ENTIRE BLOCK OLIVE LOCUS SIXTH AND SEVENTH STS.  
Largest Distributors of Merchandise at Retail in Missouri or the West.

We Give Eagle Stamps & Reddon Pull Books for 25 Cents or 25.00 to Merchandise—For Restricted Articles Are Excepted.



### Bring the Children to See Santa Claus

### & the World of Toys & Dolls

The jolly old Patron Saint of the little folks is here in his rendezvous, holding daily receptions to the little folks.

He has his vast collection of toys here, & has a pretty souvenir for every little child he personally greets.

### Toy Values Supreme

You find them here in wider diversity than in any other store.

Prices are an added attraction to complete lines, & frugal folks will make their "Toy Money" go much farther here.

Basement Economy Store



WHEN RIFLES CRACK  
IN OUR BORDER WARFARE  
Post-Dispatch writer tells of the shoot-  
ing up of Nogales in  
Next Sunday's POST-DISPATCH  
See the best features shown at the St. Louis  
Moving Picture Houses, presented in the Moving  
Picture Column and on the Amusement Page of  
next Sunday's Post-Dispatch.

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WHISTLING DIK'S  
CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS  
A Christmas story by O. Henry—4c  
Next Sunday's POST-DISPATCH  
The Christmas present for mother—a home of  
her own. More than 2000 Home Offers in the Big  
Sunday Post-Dispatch Real Estate Directory.

## 3 MEN HOLD UP SHOP, GET JEWELRY VALUED AT \$1000

Proprietor and Sister Forced  
to Hold Up Hands While  
Robbers Loot Place.

The jewelry store of Walter Voss, 6877  
Florissant avenue, was robbed shortly  
after 8 o'clock last night by three men,  
two of whom were masked. They  
pointed revolvers at Voss and his  
sister, Miss Stella Voss, and took diamonds  
and watches valued by Voss at \$1015,  
and \$175 in money.

Voss was in the optical department in  
the rear. Screamed from the jewelry  
department by a curtain, and his sister  
was at the telephone in the rear of the  
store talking to her mother, when a  
man entered. Voss stepped from back  
of the curtain and a man who had a  
white handkerchief tied about the lower  
part of his face, pointed a revolver at  
him and commanded him to hold up his  
hands.

At this moment two other men entered  
the door. One had a polka-dot handker-  
chief for a mask. The other wore no  
mask. The unmasked robber, pointing  
a revolver at Miss Voss, commanded  
her to hang up the telephone receiver,  
to face the wall and hold up her hands.  
She complied.

The third robber walked behind a  
jewelry case across the room from Voss  
and near the front of the store and took  
one dozen diamond rings, one watch,  
four watch cases, two bracelet watches,  
two pairs of diamond earrings and three  
diamond studs.

The man who was covering Voss then

## SHE WAS HELD UP IN JEWELRY STORE



MISS STELLA VOSS.

made him open the strong box in the  
safe and hand over a bag containing  
\$175, his bank book and three checks.  
The three men backed out of the door  
and disappeared.

Voss said his stock of jewelry was  
covered by insurance against theft. Voss  
and his sister reside at 2231 Clarence  
avenue.

That touring car may be sold with  
least delay through a Post-Dispatch  
West Ad. and runabout and electric  
cars find ready purchasers through the  
"Wants."

## \$300,000 TRACT OF LAND ON LEVEE CLAIMED BY CITY

Laclede Gas Light Co. Asked to  
Surrender Property Under  
Deed of 1853.

A tract of ground on the levee be-  
tween Howard and Mulanphy streets  
that is figured to have a market value  
of \$300,000, which the Laclede Gas Light  
Co. claims under a quitclaim deed of  
1872, was deeded to the city in 1853 by  
William Waddington, its owner, and  
never subsequently transferred, accord-  
ing to Director of Public Utilities  
Hooke.

Director Hooke has formally demand-  
ed the surrender of title to the city by  
the Laclede company, offering to lease  
the tract to the gas concern if it de-  
sires to continue its use. C. L. Holman,  
president of the gas company, turned  
the matter over to Isaac H. Lionberg,  
attorney for the company.

Director Hooke made the discovery  
when investigating the title to property  
along the river front connected with the  
St. Louis Transfer Railway, which  
shortly will be turned over to the city  
by the Terminal Railroad Association,  
its franchise having expired. Hooke's  
assistants have traced the title of the  
lot back to a Spanish grant. It be-  
longed successively to the Chouteau,  
Howard, Payne and Wheeler families  
before Waddington acquired it and  
deeded it to the city. William Wad-  
dington Jr., in 1867, gave a quitclaim  
deed to Richard Schulenberg, who in  
turn deeded any interest he might have  
to the gas company.

## POLES HERE DRILL EACH WEEK TO BE PREPARED FOR WAR

Societies Would Fight Upon Call  
of This Country or for Free-  
dom of Native Land.

30,000 LIVE IN ST. LOUIS

More Than 1000 Are Members  
of Organizations; Encamp-  
ment Held Last Summer.

While preparedness is being discussed  
throughout the country, a number of St.  
Louis Poles are taking gymnasium  
training, drilling weekly and receiving  
military instruction to prepare them-  
selves for fighting for the United States  
if ever the occasion arises, or to strike  
a blow for Poland's freedom if ever the  
opportunity presents. Poles in various  
parts of the United States are taking  
the same training for the same pur-  
poses, according to news dispatches to  
the Post-Dispatch.

Have Drills Weekly.  
The Rev. Theophilus T. Pudlowski,  
pastor of St. Casimir's Catholic Church,  
Eighth and Mulanphy streets, told a  
Post-Dispatch reporter today that the  
military training of Poles in St. Louis is  
in charge of the Falcons, a patriotic or-  
ganization. Men between the ages of  
18 and 30 meet weekly, he says, for  
gymnasium and military training. The  
purpose, he said, is to fit the Poles to  
fight for the country of their adoption  
and to be ready if ever the country of  
their nativity calls upon them.

"If the United States should become  
involved in war," he said, "the Poles  
would be among the first to enlist. They  
have had no permanent training camps  
in this part of the country, such as  
being established in various centers  
throughout the country. Their training  
has all been indoors. Recruiting is go-  
ing on all the time."

Dr. Joseph Nawrocki of 1438 North  
Ninth street is the medical adviser of  
the Falcons. He said the object of the  
organization is to encourage naturaliza-  
tion of Poles and keep up the national  
spirit. The Falcons, he said, had a  
three-days camp at Eagle Park, near  
Grange City, last summer, at which  
there was an attendance of 2000. The  
men were given practical instruction in  
military tactics, maneuvers, company  
evolutions, scouting and marksmanship.  
There are, he estimated, about 30,000  
Poles in St. Louis. The Falcons number  
about 1000.

Poles for Preparedness.  
Dr. Nawrocki told of the Uniform  
Rank of America, which has head-  
quarters in Chicago and branches in  
St. Louis, East St. Louis and Grange  
City. Weekly meetings are held. The  
St. Louis branch meets at the Polish-  
American Hall, 1948 Cass avenue.  
The Poles, Dr. Nawrocki said, are with  
President Wilson in his preparedness  
program and in case of necessity will  
be the first to show their colors.

Four or five months ago Reginald  
Chapman Sherman of the First  
Regiment addressed the Poles at St.  
Casimir's Church and urged them to  
join the militia. About 60 responded  
and are now members of the National  
Guard.

A dispatch from New York quotes  
Sub-Lieutenant Wacław Stępnicki, in  
charge of the military training camp  
for Poles near Haverstraw, N. Y., as  
stating that 3000 Poles are now be-  
ing trained under the direction of  
the Young Men's Literary Association,  
which has branches in St. Louis and  
other cities. Working men from New  
York, Philadelphia and adjacent ter-  
ritory are being drilled there. The  
men are given training for two weeks  
and are then sent back to their work.  
They are directed to gather in small  
groups of Poles about them and in-  
struct them in military duties.

Men's Mackinaw Coats, 2.75.  
Reduction Sale, Globe, 7th and Franklin.  
—Adv.

## ALDERMEN TO VOTE TODAY ON \$285,000 DOCK BILL

Measure Approved by Board of Esti-  
mate and Apportionment Player  
Dissenting.

A bill appropriating \$285,000 for a mu-  
nicipal dock at North Market street,  
approved yesterday by the Board of  
Estimate and Apportionment, Comptroller  
Player dissenting, will be voted  
on today by the Board of Aldermen.

Player voted against the bill on the  
ground that it contemplates a perma-  
nent improvement that should be built  
by a bond issue.

The dock is the first of a series planned  
by the administration. It will furnish  
connection between all steam railroads  
and river transports and will be equipped  
with modern electric loading devices.

DIAMOND RINGS, 250 values on sale at  
\$40 for Christmas. Pay \$1 a week. Equal val-  
ues in studs, earrings, etc. The National  
Credit Jewelers, 24 floor, 308 N. 4th st.

Farmer Drugged and Robbed of \$182.  
Frank Smallwood, 33 years old, a  
farmer, from near Hannibal, Mo., was  
found at Fourteenth and Locust streets,  
about 3 o'clock, in a dazed condition. He  
was taken to the Inebriate ward, where  
dispensary physicians said that he was  
under the influence of "knockout" drops.  
When revived he recalled having two  
drinks of whiskey with a stranger in a  
saloon near Union Station. He said he  
had been robbed of \$182 and his fur  
cap.

Sold Gold Real Diamond La Vallieres,  
1844, The Palace, 514 Washington.



Tomorrow at Aeolian Hall

\$15

Secures Immediate or Christmas Delivery  
of this Complete Player Outfit

## AEOLIAN PLAYER-PIANO

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC CABINET

12 MUSIC ROLLS

Price of Complete Outfit, \$420

WHAT a gift this would be—music  
with all its beauty and happiness  
for the entire family; a new knowl-  
edge of music for the elders, a  
real musical education for the children.

Tomorrow, a down payment as low as \$10  
secures one of these fine Aeolian Player-Pianos,  
with complete outfit of cabinet, music rolls and  
bench, for immediate or Christmas delivery.  
The player-piano itself is a remarkable value.  
It is of our own manufacture, and the guarantee  
of this company—largest makers of musical  
instruments in the world—stands unqualifiedly

behind it. A greater assurance of fine musical  
quality you could not ask.

For playing by hand, the perfect action and  
beautiful, large-volume tone make these  
instruments all that could be desired. As  
Player-pianos, it is only necessary to remember  
that they are Aeolian-built. For The Aeolian  
Company admittedly leads the world in build-  
ing quality player-pianos.

Aeolian improvements and special devices  
make this instrument in actual musical  
capability—

Equal to any Player-Piano Sold Elsewhere at \$600

The Music-Roll Cabinet is handsomely fin-  
ished to match the player. It is well constructed  
and of harmonious design. The music rolls you  
personally select from the great libraries here at  
Aeolian Hall. Every roll is made and guaran-  
teed perfect by this company.

These complete outfits tomorrow will cost less  
than you might pay elsewhere for a player-piano  
alone, perhaps of inferior or unknown make.

And you have the security of dealing with The  
Aeolian Company, the world's leading music  
house.

But the supply of these big value Players  
cannot be guaranteed to meet the demand which  
certainly will develop. Make your selection  
tomorrow and be certain that delivery can be  
made as you desire.

Open Evenings Until The Holidays

## THE AEOLIAN COMPANY

AEOLIAN HALL, 1004 Olive Street

"Makers of The Aeolian-Player and the famous Player-Piano—Largest  
manufacturers of musical instruments in the world."

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Wouldn't you consider yourself  
fortunate if you could purchase a

## New Late Model Baker Electric at less than actual cost to us?

We have two that we will sacrifice, as we  
are discontinuing our Electric Car depart-  
ment.

What used Electrics we have are offered at prices  
from \$175 to \$550. They are in good condition.

See These Electric Car Bargains.

Park Automobile Co.,  
5201 Delmar Av.

## STUBBORN COUGHS, COLDS AND BRONCHIAL AFFECTIONS RELIEVED

With Best Homemade Remedy—128 Teaspoonful for 25 Cents.

If everything was sold in as lib-  
eral and fair a manner as Wolff-Wil-  
son Drug Co. is selling Schiffmann's  
New Concentrated Expectant, ab-  
solutely no cause for complaint or  
dissatisfaction could possibly arise  
from anyone. These druggists say  
"Buy a bottle of this new remedy  
and try it for Bronchitis, Bronchial  
Asthma, Whooping Cough, Severe  
Cough, Croup or any Bronchial Af-  
fection, and we will return your  
money, just the same as we do with  
Dr. Schiffmann's famous Asthma-  
remedy, if it does not give perfect satis-  
faction, or if it is not found the best  
remedy ever used for any of these  
complaints." In addition to this  
guarantee, in order that the public  
might try this remedy without fur-  
ther delay, these druggists announce  
that they have decided to make an  
extra inducement and will sell 200  
regular 50c size bottles for half  
price, 25c, to the first 200 persons  
who sign and present the coupon be-  
low at their store. Although they  
and the proprietor are losing money  
on every bottle sold at this price,  
they both have decided to stand this  
loss, so as to give those who have  
not yet used this excellent remedy  
an opportunity of trying it, at their  
leisure would only cost each about 13  
cents, knowing it will be found the

best medicine ever used by anyone.  
Even though not in need of such a  
medicine at present, it will pay to  
obtain a bottle now at half price, as  
no doubt someone in the family will  
require it before the winter is over,  
but you will like to have it and  
have the chance of buying for less than full  
price.

One bottle makes a full pint (128  
teaspoonful) by simply mixing it at  
home with one pint of granulated  
sugar and one-half pint of water,  
and makes a whole family supply,  
and as much as would ordinarily cost  
from \$2 to \$3 for the same quantity  
of the ordinary, old-fashioned, ready-  
made kinds of doubtful merit and  
also without a guarantee, like this  
remedy. It is prepared from strictly  
harmless plants and is so pleasant  
that children like to take it and it  
can be given them with perfect safe-  
ty, as it positively contains no chlor-  
oform, opium, morphine or any  
other narcotic, as do most cough  
mixtures. Absolutely no risk what-  
ever is run in buying this remedy  
on the guarantee of the above well-  
known, reliable druggist.

If a neighbor or friend would take  
and pay for half the bottle, the cost  
of half a pint of this excellent med-  
icine would only cost each about 13  
cents.

TWENTY-FIVE CENT COUPON—No. 3

This coupon and 25c is good for one (only) 50c bottle of Schiffmann's  
New Concentrated Expectant at Wolff-Wilson Drug Co., if your name  
and address is filled in.

Name..... Address.....

Open Saturday  
Till 9 P. M.

SHOEMART  
507 Washington Av.

Visit Our  
Slipper Bazaar

## SALE OF SHOES



### Big Boys' Shoes

SOLID leather Shoes  
for school wear—  
splendid quality dull  
calfskin—button style  
—sizes 9 to 13½ at  
\$1.39—and sizes 1 to  
6—Saturday, at

\$1.69

### Men's Good Shoes

BUILT on newest En-  
glish straight lasts  
—of excellent quality  
dull calfskin and fine  
patent leathers—all  
sizes—many pairs in the  
lot are actual \$4.00 val-  
ues—Saturday,

\$2.95



### BIG GIRLS' SHOES

SPLENDID leather top calfskin  
—Button Shoes, with low heel, for  
street and school wear—sturdy  
qualities—special in this sale at.....

\$1.98



### Children's Shoes

MADE of dull calf-  
skin—button  
style—sizes from 6 to  
11—strong, sturdy  
Shoes at the lowest  
price we have ever  
named for qual-  
ities like these,

98c



### Women's High Cut Shoes

BUILT of solid leather  
throughout—patent  
leathers or viol kidskin  
with cloth top or dull  
kidskin with leather top  
—all worth much more  
than the price we ask,

\$1.98

## SALE OF CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS

Over 100 Styles—for Men, Women and Children



MEN'S Everett Slippers of fine  
leather—excep-  
tionally good  
quality—special  
at.....

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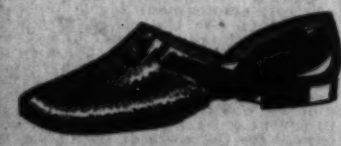
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slippers—fancy de-  
sign—in this Christ-  
mas sale at.....

98c



WOMEN'S Felt Slippers—soft  
soles—finished  
with collar—ribbon  
trimming and ribbon  
bow—per pair.....

98c



MEN'S Everett and Opera Slip-  
pers—black and  
tan—excellent  
quality—special  
at.....

\$1.25



MEN'S Romeo Slippers—made  
of black and  
tan fine kid skin  
—in this Christmas  
sale at.....

\$1.50



WOMEN'S Felt Juliette  
slippers—nicely  
finished—various col-  
ors—special at.....

98c







## On Exhibition

"What in the world does it all mean?" I said. "Nothing," said he. "You've been asked here as a lion to roar."

By Rudyard Kipling.

MAKES me blush pink all over to think about it, but, none the less, I have brought the tale to you, confident that you will understand. An invitation to tea arrived at my address. The English are very peculiar people about their tea. They don't seem to understand that it is a function at which anyone who is passing down the Mall may present himself. Their issue formal cards—just as if tea drinking were like dancing. My invitation said that I was to tea from 4:30 till 5 p. m., and there was never a word of lawn tennis on the whole of the card. I knew the English were heavy eaters, but this amazed me.

"What in the wide world," thought I, "will they find to do for an hour and a half? Perhaps they'll play games, as it's near Christmas time. They can't sit outside in the veranda, and chattras are impossible."

Wherefore I went to this house prepared for anything. There was a fine show of damp wrappings in the hall, and a cheerful babble of voices from the other side of the drawing-room door. The hostess ran at me, vehemently shouting: "Oh, I am so glad you have come. We were all talking about you."

As the room was entirely filled with strangers, chiefly female, I reflected that they couldn't have said anything very bad. Then I was introduced to everybody, and some of the people were talking in couples, and didn't want to be interrupted in the least, and some were behind settees, and some were in difficulty with their tea, and one and all had exactly the same name. That is the worst of a lipping hostess.

Almost before I had dropped the last limp hand, a burly ruffian, with a beard, rumbled in my ear: "I trust you were satisfied with my estimate of your powers in last week's Concertina."

Now, I don't see the Concertina, because it's too expensive, but I murmured: "Immense! Immense! Most gratifying. Truly undeserved." Most the ruffian said: "In a measure, yes. Not wholly. I flatter myself that—"

"Oh, not in the least," said I. "No sugar, thanks." This to the hostess, who was waving Sally Lunn under my nose. A female, who could not have been less than seven feet high, came on, half speed ahead, through the fog of the tea steam, and doctored herself on the sofa just like an Indian liner.

"Have you ever considered," said she, "the enormous moral responsibility that rests in the hands of one who has the gift of literary expression? In my own case—but you surely know my collaborator."

A MUCH huger woman arrived, cast anchor, and doctored herself on the other side of the sofa. She was the collaborator. Together they confided to me that they were desperately in earnest about the amelioration of something or other. Their collective grievance against me was that I was not in earnest.

"We have studied your works—all," said the 800-ton four-masted, "and we cannot believe that you are in earnest."

"Oh, no," I said hastily, "I never was."

Then I saw that that was the wrong thing to say, for the 800-ton palace Cusader signalled to the sister ship, saying: "You see, my estimate was correct."

"New, my complaint against him is that he is too savagely farouche," said a woody young gentleman in a hat, who ate Sally Lunn like a workhouse

Howard Mayson

sailed Salad Dressing

awarded gold medal at Paris in 1900. Also listed in the Westfield Pure Food Book and is the one that Dr. Wiley picked out for his star list in his 1001 Pure Food Book. It is the best you ever used, returns money for your money. For sale by David Nicholson Grocery Co. and made by J. F. Howard. Have bill made.

Biscuits for Breakfast

Light, delicious, wholesome biscuits.

THAT'S THE KIND you can make with

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EVERY SACK CONTAINS

EAGLE STAMPS

A Welcome Christmas Economy

50.00 worth in 25-lb. sack.

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61.00 worth in 55-lb. sack.

50c worth in 10-lb. sack.

50c worth in 5-lb. sack.

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## The Talk of the Dishes

Sandman story of the sugar bowl that lost its cover and didn't know where to find it.

By Mrs. F. A. Walker.

THERE was a great commotion in the pantry; the sugar bowl had lost its cover, and there it stood on the shelf with uncovered head, looking very crestfallen. "The very idea," said the teapot, "of standing there all day without your cover! We really can't associate with you unless you find it."

The teapot turned its nose up a little higher and the cream pitcher looked at the sugar bowl in a pitying manner, for the cream pitcher had never worn a cover and had never been in the set with those that did, although it always lived near them.

"You will get used to being uncovered after a while," it said very timidly, moving a little closer to the sugar bowl, and the maid will also the flies away when she puts you on the table."

"Yes," said the sugar bowl, "I suppose I can get used to being without my cover, but after wearing one all my life it is very hard to be deprived of it now."

"I cannot see how I can bear it, but you seem to get along, and now that I notice you, you look well cared for and quite as white as any of us."

"Why, of course I do," laughed the creamer. "I am washed and polished every day, and I am sure you are not more than once a week."

THE sugar bowl confessed it was washed and polished but once a week. "I had never thought about that before," it said.

"The teapot holds its nose very high in the air," said the cream pitcher, "and I know that a great many times it is put on the shelf and left over night without being washed and polished. All your covered dishes are very haughty because you have covers, but you have never noticed that we without covers are always smooth and shining, while you often go all day and sometimes longer without being cleaned."

"The sugar bowl moved over to where the teapot and the creamer stood, and said: 'I do wish you would find your cover.'"

The teapot said: "You look so out of place with us. I saw you talking with the cream pitcher. I suppose you feel more at home with the uncovered than with us now."

The sugar bowl did not notice the hint and replied: "Yes, the cream pitcher is very polished and smooth, and I never before knew that the uncovered are really better cared for than we are."

Polished every day, and sometimes three times, and all the uncovered dishes are treated in the same manner. If I get washed and polished once a week I feel very lucky."

The teapot lowered its nose a little when it heard that the cream pitcher was washed and polished some days three times, and the other covered dishes looked surprised, and for the first time noticed that the uncovered dishes were even more polished than they were.

"Well, I suppose we might be a little more neighborly," said the teapot, for at that moment it was full of yesterday's tea.

THE maid came to the pantry just then and when she saw the sugar bowl without its cover, she said, "For goodness sake, where is that cover?" and brushed away the flies that were in the bowl. Then she went out and returned in a minute with the cover, which she put on the sugar bowl, and took the teapot with her.

When she brought it back the cream pitcher was talking with the sugar bowl. "I am so glad you have your cover again," it was saying; "you do not look natural without it," and she nodded to the teapot.

The teapot nodded in return and soon all were chatting in the most friendly manner. Later, the sugar bowl remarked to the teapot: "It is an ill-wind that blows nobody any good; if I hadn't lost my cover we never should have known the uncovered dishes, and now we shall be all one family, which is as it should be."

"Yes," said the teapot, "that is true. I had no idea they were so polished." (Copyright by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

The vermiform appendix of oxen slaughtered in the municipal abattoir at Prague are manufactured into gold-beater's skin which is extensively employed in aeroplane manufacture.

## Your Own Opinion and the Opinion of Others

OFTEN you hear one woman ask another: "What is your opinion on such a subject?"

Such a question is foolish. The opinion given is merely the ultimate result of what this one woman has experienced in HER life. If the opinion is to be of any value to one, one must know the woman quite well. If one does not know her, one does not care a rap for the opinion. And if one knows her well, one can accurately reason from the past of such a person just what the opinion is likely to be.

Point of view is never the creation of any one person, for oneself. All viewpoint is the result of the thoughts of others, expressed orally or written, which is assimilated by the hearer or reader. A woman attends church. There a little is added to her belief. If she listens to the same preacher for a number of years her belief will certainly closely resemble the belief of the preacher. If she reads a certain class of books, her belief is merely the reflection of the opinions of what she has read. If the woman hears a lecture or reads a book not along the same line of thought as that to which she had been accustomed she will cast both aside as not worthy of attention, and will feel that these fresh conclusions are all wrong.

Place a dozen children in charge of one woman. Give them all the same educational training. Have them read the same books, hear the same lectures, and attend the same musicals. The result will be that all the opinions and beliefs of the children will be about the same.

There was a young woman who never would ask the opinion of her father on any subject. Her father one day asked her why. She replied there was no need to ask him. All she had to do was to reason with herself. Long association with her father, and knowledge of what he read, what lectures he attended and what procedure he followed to were sufficient guidance for her to know conclusively just how her father would reply to any ethical question she might put to him.

## Chess Automaton.

THE remarkable invention of an ingenious Spaniard, Senor L. Torres y Quevedo, are described in the Scientific American. Among them is an automaton chess-player which "protects" its human opponent fails to play fairly, and, if he proves obtuse on warnings, finally stops altogether. Senor Torres' work is so highly valued by the Spanish Government that it grants him a generous subsidy in furtherance of his inventions, which cover many fields.

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N the pavement my friend who wrote "Down in the Doldrums" was waiting to walk home with me.

"What in the world does it all mean?" I said.

"Nothing," he said. "You've been asked there as a small deputy lion to roar in place of a much bigger man. You groined, though."

"I should have done much worse if I'd known," I grunted.

"Ah," said he, "you haven't arrived at the real fun of the show. Wait till they've made you jump through hoops and you turn's over, and you can see a sofa, and watch the new man being brought up and put through their paces. You're nothing like that in India. How do you manage your parties?"

"And I thought of smooth-out lawns in the gloaming, and tables served under mighty trees, and men and women, all intimately acquainted with each other, strolling about in the lightest of raiment, and the old dowagers criticizing the bedtimers, and the young men in riding boots making words remarks about the client's eye, and the host circulating through the mob and saying: 'Hab, Pizzy' or 'Bobby, or Flatties, as the nickname might be, 'having another peek.' and the hostess soothing the bashful youngsters and talking himmitygare with the judge's wife, and the last new bride hanging on her husband's arm and saying: 'Isn't it almost time to go home, Dicky, dear?' and the little fat







## BANK OF FRANCE GOLD INCREASES AS WAR GOES ON

Vaults Hold \$250,000,000 More  
at End of October Than in  
January, 1914.

### ADVANCE FOREIGN CREDIT

People Pour in Their Metals for  
Paper—Big Loan From  
England.

Surveillance of the Associated Press.  
PARIS, Nov. 15.—A billion and a quarter francs (\$250,000,000) more gold at the end of October, 1915, than it had at the beginning of January, 1914, with a billion francs increased credit balance abroad, is the condition of the Bank of France after 15 months of war.

A billion of the gold increase came from voluntary offerings by the people in exchange for bank notes—offerings that are still coming in—the billion increased credit is less significant since it comes from a loan by Great Britain, but it is pointed out that, with this balance and the increased gold reserve, the purchasing power of the Government abroad is two and a quarter billion francs greater than at the beginning of 1914, irrespective of the credit in America resulting from the joint loan.

Regarding as Fine Showing.  
This showing, after the enormous expenditures made by France in America, England, Switzerland and Spain since the beginning of hostilities, is regarded in financial circles as remarkably fine.

Apart from the billion of gold exchanged for paper, the private purchase of France has bought 10,112,000,000 francs of national defense bonds; this is more than half the total increase in the public debt since July, 1914; that increase, including the English and American loans of \$1,000,000,000 francs, of which more than 2,000,000,000 is still available, is 20,002,000,000 francs.

During the same period the public debt increased 30,800,000,000 francs in England, 18,700,000,000 in Russia, 2,300,000,000 in Italy, 2,400,000,000 in Germany and 13,900,000,000 in Austria.

The disquieting rumors concerning the condition of one or more of the other great French banks that circulated after the declaration of war have been contradicted by the course of events. It is admitted that some of them might have suffered alarmingly from the inevitable difficulties of a war panic, had the moratorium not been promptly decreed, but five months' respite enabled them to meet all emergencies.

Heavy Deposits Made.  
The five leading establishments doing a general banking business, not including the Bank of France, held in deposits subject to check and in current accounts at the beginning of 1914, \$404,000,000 francs; of that amount \$404,000,000 was drawn out during the 15 days preceding the outbreak of hostilities, leaving \$-562,000,000 tied up by the moratorium. Instead of checking more out after the banks waived the moratorium Dec. 31, 1914, the depositors put back during the first eight months of this year a billion francs of the money drawn from the same establishments in July 1914.

During the same period the deposits subject to check and the current accounts of the Bank of France increased from 712,000,000 to 2,496,000,000, bringing the total cash on deposit in all important banks of France at the end of September 1915 to \$2,236,000,000 francs as against \$675,000,000 at the beginning of 1914. At the same time, renouncing the benefits of the moratorium, debtors paid to the Bank of France 1,266,000,000 of discounted paper.

These manifestations of confidence have had a wonderful effect on business. The banks have been able to show greater liberality in discounts and thus facilitate the revival of trade.

What is supposed to have embarrassed at least one of the big banks of Paris was the quantity of rediscounted paper that it held in its vaults Aug. 1, 1914. The statement has been repeatedly made and has so far been neither refuted nor confirmed that in the few months immediately preceding the crisis the Reichsbank and other German banks that had enjoyed rediscounting facilities in France availed themselves of them to the limit, loading the bank in question with German paper that naturally remains unpaid.

Many people asked how it happened that Parisian banks could be loaded with German paper. The explanation given is that there was always more idle money in France than in any other European country and notes rediscounted for German banks was a convenient source for the profitable use of that money.

The banks of Paris have been likened to great department stores. They are immense establishments with wide-spread interests looked after by numerous branches in the French provinces and the capitals of Europe. They do everything in the way of financial transactions from the discounting of a 30-day note to the floating of a big Government loan. They discount bills and notes, rediscount bank paper, sell foreign exchange, make foreign and domestic collections, buy and sell all sorts of coins, exchange all kinds of currency, loan money on open account, rent safety deposit vaults, take charge of securities, collecting the interests, advance money on stocks and bonds, execute stock exchange orders, float Government loans and place other bonds and securities.

Their greatest source of profit in the past has been undoubtedly in the rediscounting of loans for foreign governments, such as Turkey, Roumania, Greece, and the Balkans. Through their medium also many billion francs in American securities have been placed on the French mar-

ket on which the profits could not have been much less than 10 per cent. Objections have been frequently raised against the concentrations of such immense sums in these banks, amounting practically to an obstacle to any great financial transaction that the banks might not approve. The banks have been further reproached with concentrating their interest on foreign loans and discounts that offered bigger profits to the exclusion of French commerce and industry and thus hindering the development of foreign trade.

Money Cheap in France.  
Notwithstanding those objections, money was so abundant that it was cheaper in France than in almost any other European country before the war. At the same time a great deal more was required for current business transactions than in other countries on account of the resistance to the check system by certain categories of merchants and public officials. The notary, a vital institution in France without whom inheritance could not be settled and trans-

fers could scarcely be executed, refused absolutely to accept anyone's check; a Rothschild must produce the legal tender to a notary.

At the end of the month French houses make up the list of their payments, go to the bank for the cash and pay all bills in currency. A few accept checks from well-known customers, but the little tradespeople of the quarter look upon anything but bills of the Bank of France, gold or silver with suspicion. In consequence, a greater proportion of the total circulation is daily passing from hand to hand in current business of life in France than in most countries.

Considering this formidable need for floating currency, the natural tendency of depositors to draw on the banks in every crisis and the great drains of war on the resources of the country, the condition of French banks is considered satisfactory. A recent report of the Credit Lyonnais disclosed the fact that its war losses were entirely covered by a sinking fund provided for other risks that had already expired. The case of the Bank of France is exceptional; its profits have more than doubled by reason of its participation in the financing of the war.

Jeanne and Corduroy Pants, 85 Cents.  
Reduction Sale, Globe, 7th and Franklin.  
—Adv.

### WOMAN PIPE-SMOKER BURNED

ASHLAND, Ky., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Teletia Hammonds, 72 years old, was fatally burned as a result of throwing a match with which she had lighted her pipe, while sitting in her front yard, among some leaves, igniting them. Almost at once after the pipe was lighted the woman fell asleep, so that she did not know of her peril in time to escape. A little granddaughter of Mrs. Hammonds saw the flames and endeavored to extinguish them.

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To buy good Suits and Overcoats, 1.5 and 1.35. Reduction Sale, Globe, 7th and Franklin.—Adv.

### AMERICAN BARK WITH CARGO OF BEANS HAS ANOTHER ADVENTURE

German Torpedo Boat Trics to Take Andrew Welch From Swedish Port, but Is Prevented.  
LONDON, Dec. 17.—Another incident has been added to the unusual adventures of the American bark Andrew Welch, according to the Post's Stockholm correspondent. On the night of Dec. 15 a German torpedo boat was sighted off Haelmsted, where the Welch had taken refuge, and approached rapidly with the intention of capturing her, but was thwarted by a Swedish torpedo boat.

The Andrew Welch, an 85-ton vessel, sailed from San Francisco, Aug. 19, with a cargo of beans for Haelmsted, and since then has been chased by British patrol boats and British submarines, crippled by storms and finally put into Bergen in distress. Norway granted the vessel permission to go to England, but instead she went to Haelmsted, where it was found there was no receiver for her \$100,000 cargo. A German steamship arrived the night of Dec. 3 to convey her to Germany, but a Swedish torpedo boat prevented her from sailing.

### SAN BLAS, 'FORBIDDEN COAST' OF PANAMA, TO BE COLONIZED

Agreement Reached Between Indians, Who Have Resented Intrusions, and Republic.  
PANAMA, Dec. 17.—A start in the colonization of the San Blas, or "forbidden," coast of Panama has been made in conformity with recent agreements between the San Blas Indians and the Government of the republic. President Porras has granted a concession to James M. Hyatt, an American, of Colon, to establish a large farming colony on the shores of Mandinga Bay, about fifty miles east of Colon.

The contract grants Hyatt land on which the new town is to be built. Immediately adjacent to the town site there are 12,500 acres of good agricultural lands that will be sold to the colonists at reasonable rates. The land is located on the western edge of the "forbidden coast" and lies along the shores of Mandinga Bay, where the San Blas Indians are the most friendly to foreigners. The farm lands are in the valley of Navandi River and are said to be very rich. This will be the first serious effort to open this coast to settlement by foreigners. It has been closed since the early Spanish conquest, the San Blas Indians having consistently resented intrusion.

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# CAMILLE DE COPPET ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—Camille de Coppet was elected President of the Swiss republic, yesterday. M. de Coppet is a former Minister of Justice and the present Vice President.

session of the National Assembly. The ceremony was a brief one, resembling a joint session of the American Congress to count the electoral votes for President of the United States.

M. de Coppet comes from a French canton. His predecessor, Dr. Giuseppe Motta, came from an Italian canton.

Get your holiday decorations from headquarters at St. Louis Seed Co., 411 Washington avenue.

Pursuit of Train Robbers Fails. MENA, Ark., Dec. 17.—Possessing searching for the robbers who yesterday held up Kansas City Southern passenger train No. 1 near here, discontinuing pursuit when it appeared that the outlaws probably had reached safety in the wilds of the mountains of West Arkansas.

On Christmas Pastry. Cookies, Cakes, Pies, Rolls, 512 Locust.

# GIRL ARRESTED AS WRITER OF MANY 'POISON PEN' NOTES

Postal Inspectors Declare Prisoner Confessed to Writing Vicious Letters for a Year.

By Leased Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—By arresting Miss Theresa Samuels, member of a wealthy family in Goshen, N. Y., at her home, yesterday, Postal Inspectors Duryea and Fitch say they captured the writer of the "poison pen" letters that in the last year have been sent to newly married or betrothed young women, some of them of great social prominence in New York city and Europe. The letters contained shocking charges against the young husbands or fiancées. The tone of the mislives was of the most objectionable character.

The first publicity these letters obtained was six weeks ago, when a man took a letter his fiancée had received to a handwriting expert. Next another man came to the same expert with a letter, and during the week a third had sought his aid. Neither of the three men was acquainted with the others, but all quickly became brothers in misery. Inspectors Duryea and Fitch said after Miss Samuels had been admitted to \$5000 bail, given by her brother, Sigmund Samuels, that she had confessed to the authorship of every one of the 20 letters which have come into the hands of the authorities in the last year.

She Had No Grudge. "Were you acquainted with any of the persons to whom you wrote letters?" she was asked. "Had you any grudge against any of them?" "No," it is said, Miss Samuels answered. "I just picked the names at random out of newspapers—names that appeared in the accounts of weddings or engagements."

"Have you ever had any love affair?" "Yes," the inspectors report she answered, "two years ago."

When asked if this love affair had preyed upon her mind and caused her to write such scandalous letters, she replied: "Perhaps it did."

Though Duryea and Fitch say Miss Samuels told them that all the women to whom she sent letters were unknown to her, three of the "poison pen" epistles went to a bride who lives in Goshen and from whom the authorities received their first clue by way of Charles Fitzpatrick, the Postmaster of Goshen.

The young woman thought she recognized the handwriting of Miss Samuels, but could not make a positive identification. But this established an espionage at Goshen for letters in this handwriting and the other day there appeared a postal card in the outgoing mail addressed to the Putnam Publishing Co. in this city ordering a Shakespearean calendar. It was signed with Miss Samuels' name and gave her address.

Has 20 "Poison" Letters. Assistant United States Attorney McDonald said this morning there were 20 "poison" letters. Some had been mailed in New York City, some at Narragansett Pier, some in Goshen.

The last one known to have been received was written Dec. 11 on a postal card from a train running between this city and Salamanca, N. Y.

It was addressed to Miss Elsie Seydel of 440 West 133d street, following the announcement of her engagement to Samuel Schary. The postal card was inclosed in an envelope, on the back of which was printed "Private Pavilion, Mount Sinai Hospital, Fifth avenue. One Hundred and One Hundred and First streets, New York."

An effort had been made to obliterate the printed matter by cross-crossing it with ink.

The letter, minus unprintable phrases, reads: "Madame—I write to you at random, being an entire stranger to you but to put you wise to the fact that — is my husband and the father of my twin babies, 4 months old. He was forced to marry me by the irate father with a shotgun. What his offense is, it is useless to relate."

"How can you claim others property? How he evidently had the cast-iron nerve as posing to you as a single fellow I cannot understand. So you better drop him at once or I will be after you. He is very much married, indeed."

"He left me at the time my twins were born, saying he was going on a trip west and would return in six to eight weeks. I have never seen or heard anything of him since. It is only recently that I learned of his whereabouts, and will now make it hard for you and him both."

"So if you know what is good for you you had better drop him at once or I will be after you."

"Now please remember that he has a wife and babies. You should find a man out before taking such a serious step as matrimony."

MRS. —

The authorities say that the use of Mount Sinai Hospital stationery is an added circumstance pointing to the guilt of Miss Samuels. Her mother, Mrs. Dora Samuels, died in the hospital a few weeks ago after a long illness. Miss Samuels frequently had visited her parent and had ample opportunity to take stationery from the private pavilion.

"The great difficulty," said Assistant United States Attorney McDonald, "has been to get any of the women subjected to these communications to appear as complainants. But one victim was the wife of Assistant District Attorney Claude A. Thompson of this office, and she was sufficiently courageous in the cause of public good and decency to make the complaint on which the present warrant was issued."

She Cares Most For Women's Candies. Xmas boxes, big variety. Order now. We'll deliver any day. 912 Olive, Main 1212.



# No Child Is "Naturally Lazy"

YOUR little boy or girl isn't listless, apathetic, sleepy at the wrong time—naturally.

Something is wrong. That something is usually constipation.

Constipation is one of the greatest dangers of childhood—not only in childhood but because it is an insidious habit that grows and becomes chronic as the years go on.

Do not use cathartics and strong purges for children, except on doctor's orders. They weaken the natural process of evacuation and are dangerously habit-forming.

Nujol, a pure white, mineral oil, is the medically endorsed remedy for constipation. Nujol acts solely as a lubricant oiling the intestinal tract, softening the contents, and thus promoting easy normal evacuations. It is not absorbed by the system, and may be taken in any quantity without harm. Hence it is especially recommended for children.

Nujol is colorless, odorless and tasteless. Over 42,000 doctors already have asked us to send them samples of Nujol.

Write for booklet, "The Rational Treatment of Constipation." If your druggist hasn't it, we will send a pint bottle of Nujol prepaid to any point in the United States on receipt of 75c—money order or stamps.

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# Duffy's—A Gift of Health



For that aged member of your family, a grandfather or grandmother, perhaps an old uncle or aunt, or someone who is not in the best of health, a bottle, or two of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey would prove a most welcome and useful Christmas gift.

For them, the Yuletide Season will be made brighter, because most old folks want renewed vigor and strength which invariably follow the judicious use of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey.

Your foresight in choosing this dependable tonic-stimulant is sure to be appreciated.

# Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey

has been used with uniformly good results by the profession and laity for generations. It is absolutely pure, being made from the choicest grains of the field thoroughly malted. Taken in tablespoon doses in equal amounts of water or milk before meals and on retiring, it acts as a mild stimulating tonic, increasing the appetite and enriching the blood.

Because of its wholesomeness and palatability it is easily digested by the stomach and absorbed by the body, producing the necessary heat and giving renewed strength to the fast retiring muscles.

Get Duffy's from your local druggist, grocer or dealer, \$1.00 per bottle. He will gladly pack same for shipment. If you cannot get Duffy's in your locality, write us. Useful household booklet free.



The Duffy Malt Whiskey Co., Rochester, N. Y.



# Men's Winter Overcoats

at \$10 \$15 \$20 \$25

OUR Men's and Young Men's Overcoats are of a style and quality that makes them especially suitable for gift-giving to members of your immediate family—the assortment comprises every new model, fabric and coloring that is in vogue—the choicest productions from the best Eastern makers—as well as from our own high-grade tailoring shops on the premises. And no matter what price Overcoat you select—from \$10.00 to \$25.00—you are assured greater value for your money than is offered elsewhere in this city.

# Men's Fur-Lined Overcoats

HERE is a gift any man would be proud to receive—handsome Overcoats of black thibet—cut full and large—richly lined with fur throughout—and made with broad convertible fur collar—warm, stylish and serviceable—and a wonderful value at... \$20

\$3.50 and \$4.00  
Bath Robes

\$2.65

SPECIAL purchase and sale of Men's fine Bath and Lounging Robes—in blanket and Terry cloth—newest patterns and colors—made with pockets, neck cord and girdle—regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 values—special at \$2.65.



# Young Men's Silk-Lined Suits

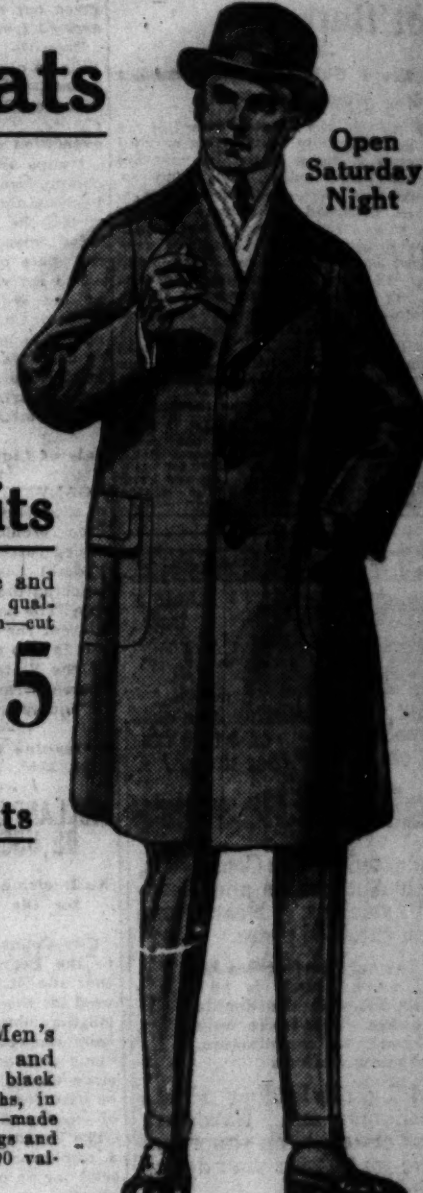
THESE are suits of unusual style and elegance—richly tailored from fine quality chevrons—in gray, green and brown—cut on snappy, youthful lines—showing the new roll lapel—and elegantly lined throughout with fine quality silk—a special offering at... \$15

Men's \$5.00  
Smoking Jackets

\$3.95



UNUSUAL values in Men's Smoking Jackets and House Coats—fine quality fancy black wool cassimeres and broadcloths, in brown, gray, wine and blue—made with three pockets, two silk frogs and braided all around—actual \$5.00 values at \$3.95.

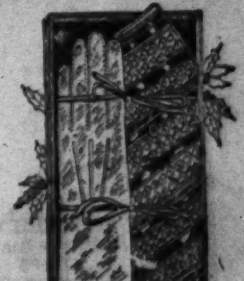


Open Saturday Night

# Here Are the Gifts That All Men Like

Silk Neckwear... 25c to \$1.50  
Men's Sweaters... \$1.35 to \$3.50  
Men's Mufflers... 50c to \$3.50  
Jersey Coats... \$3.00 to \$5.00  
Suspenders... 25c to \$1.50  
Fur Gloves... \$1.50 to \$10.00  
Kid Gloves... \$1.15 to \$2.50  
Silk Hose, 25c to \$1.00  
Bath Slippers... 50c

Auto Gauntlets... \$1.25 to \$4.00  
Silk Shirts... \$2.95 to \$4.95  
Umbrellas... \$1.00 to \$4.50  
Fancy Vests... \$1.00 to \$3.00  
Men's Pajamas... 79c to \$2.00  
Fur Caps... \$1.95 to \$6.00  
Stetson Hats... \$3.50 to \$5.00  
Fine Shirts... 59c to \$2.00  
Men's Belts... 50c to \$1.50  
"S & S" Hats... \$1.85 to \$2.50  
Union Suits... 79c to \$4.00



# Practical Christmas Gifts for Your Boys

# Boys' Two-Pants Suits

\$8.50 and \$10 Values  
EXTRA fine Scotch Cheviots and cassimeres—Norfolk Coats and two pair of full lined knickerbockers—ages 8 to 18—special at... \$6.85

# Boys' Two-Pants Suits

Actual \$5.00 Values  
STRICTLY all-wool fabrics—Norfolk Coats and two pair of full lined knickerbockers—ages 8 to 17—wonderful values at... \$3.85

# Gifts for Your Boy

Silk-lined Gloves... \$1.25  
Fleece-lined Gloves... 50c to \$1.25  
Gauntlet Gloves... 50c to \$1.25  
Fur Gloves... \$2.50 to \$4.00  
Holiday Neckwear... 25c to 50c  
Fancy Shirts... 50c to \$1.00  
Flannel Shirts... \$1.00 to \$1.50

# Children's Novelty Suits

PRETTIEST Junior Norfolk and Tommy Tucker styles—ages 2 1/2 to 8—in velvets, shepherd checks, serges and fancy mixtures—new Christmas shipments just received—rich and beautiful assortment at most moderate prices—

\$1.95 to \$5.95



# Headquarters for Children's Play Suits

Just the Christmas Gifts That All Children Like  
Indian Suits... 79c to \$5.00  
Cowboy Suits... \$1.00 to \$2.50  
Scout Suits... \$1.75 to \$2.50  
Sheriff Suits at... \$1.50  
Police Suits at... \$1.50  
Squaw Suits at... \$1.00  
Indian Tents... \$1.50 to \$3.00  
Pistols and Holsters... 15c to 50c



# Boys' Overcoats

AGES 2 1/2 to 10  
CHARMING little Overcoats in chinchilla, Scotch and smart mannish fabrics—every new shade and color—all specially priced at... \$2.85 to \$8.50

# Boys' Overcoats

AGES 8 to 16  
NEWEST single and double breasted models—with big broad convertible collars or velvet collars—wonderful variety and extraordinary values at... \$4 to \$10

# Gifts for Your Boy

Blouses... 45c to 69c  
Flannel Blouses... 59c  
In-band Caps... 25c to \$1.00  
Wool Toggles... 25c to 50c  
Chinchilla Rah Rahs... 50c to \$2.50  
Velvet Hats... \$1.50 to \$2.95  
Novelty Suits... \$1.95 to \$5.95

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**FLYER** For Saturday and Sunday  
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\$1.50 Values  
A PRACTICAL Xmas gift. Boys' All-wool sweaters—shawl collar style—in Oxford and navy—\$1.50 value—special for Saturday and Sunday at... 89c















## Sport News

# **BETHLEHEM TEAM WILL PLAY HERE DURING HOLIDAYS**

Local Officials Book U. S. Soccer Champions for Games on Jan. 1 and 2.

The Bethlehem soccer team of Bethlehem, Pa., last year's winners of the national soccer championship, will be seen in action here Jan. 1 and 2. This was decided at a meeting of the officials of the St. Louis Soccer League held last night. In bringing the Pennsylvanians here, the local authorities are looking one of the greatest teams in the United States. The Bethlehem team were brought here in preference over the Californians and Nationals of Detroit.

The Bethlehem eleven, which played its first game at the opening of the 1914-15 season, made a great record last season, winning 10 games, losing only one and tying three.

The only reverse for the team came in the final game of the season, a 1-0 defeat by a local team, the Brooklyn Celtic team, which was a surprise. The team was then sent to the national final, where they were defeated by the California team. The team was then sent to the national final, where they were defeated by the California team.

# **Maupome to End Year Tied With Cueist McCourt**

Schedule of Interstate League Provides No More 1915 Games for Either.

After tonight's Interstate Three-Club Billiard League match in Detroit between Harry Coler of Indianapolis and Jess Leamer of Detroit, the cueists will get a two-weeks' lay-off during the holidays. The next match after the one in Detroit tonight will be staged on Jan. 3 of next year. This means that Pierre Maupome, the local star, and Charles McCourt of Pittsburgh will finish out the old year on the billiard table.

During the past week, Arthur Kitchener, who recently played Alfredo de Oro in a series of matches, made a sorrowful showing. In his last match, he was defeated by Charles McCourt. Kitchener is now on a losing streak, having lost four matches in a row.

**Standing of the Leaders.**

Player	City	Won	Lost	Points
Harry Coler	Indianapolis	10	1	21
Jess Leamer	Detroit	9	2	19
Pierre Maupome	St. Louis	8	3	17
Charles McCourt	Pittsburgh	7	4	15

**Tonight's Schedule.**

At Detroit—Coler (Indianapolis) vs. Leamer.

At Louisville—Larson defeated Kitchener (Chicago) 10-8.

At St. Louis—Larson defeated Lamoth (Chicago) 10-8.

At Buffalo—Larson defeated Lamoth (Chicago) 10-8.

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# **Greco-Roman Champion Finds "Masked Mystery" a Tough Customer in Match**

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Alexander Abner of Finland, who is heralded as the Greco-Roman champion, discovered last night that the "Masked Mystery" was a tough customer and could not only wrestle, but could use his hands as well. Soon after the match, Abner was seen to be in a state of exhaustion, and he was unable to continue the match. The match was a close one, and it was not until the very end that Abner was able to win by a technicality.

# **SMITH AND DUNBAR CALL OFF VISIT TO THIS CITY**

Smith and Dunbar, ranked as the two best bowlers in the United States, yesterday notified the local officials from Denver that they would be unable to come here next week to play in the St. Louis tournament. The officials were disappointed, but they understood the situation.

# **WOLGAST WILL BATTLE LEACH CROSS TONIGHT**

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The highly anticipated match between Wolgast and Leach will take place tonight at the Madison Square Garden. The match is expected to be one of the best of the season, and it will attract a large crowd of spectators.

## ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

# **THE POST-DISPATCH DAILY RECORD OF MARKETS AND FINANCE**

Early Prices are Firmer Despite a Weaker Range of Values in London.

**New England Bonds Sent Down.**

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The 3 per cent five-year consols were sold at 100 1/2, and the 4 per cent five-year consols at 100 1/4. The 3 per cent five-year consols were sold at 100 1/2, and the 4 per cent five-year consols at 100 1/4.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 17.**—The market maintained a steady tone today, with a few fluctuations. The stock market was active, and the bond market was steady. The grain market was also active, and the oil market was steady.

# **LAWYER IS SUED BY WIFE**

**Woman Seeking Separate Maintenance Sues Her Husband for \$100 a Week.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A woman seeking separate maintenance has filed a lawsuit against her husband, who is a lawyer. She is asking for \$100 a week in maintenance.

# **WOOD RIVER NEEDS SCHOOL FUND**

**Directors to Try to Get Building Fund Approved by Voters.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The directors of the Wood River school district are trying to get a building fund approved by the voters. They are asking for \$100,000 to build a new school building.

# **MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

**Frank N. Pice, 3041 Thomas Ave., and Mary E. Pice, 3041 Thomas Ave., were married today.**

# **Domestic Exchange.**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 17.**—The domestic exchange was active today, with a few fluctuations. The stock market was active, and the bond market was steady. The grain market was also active, and the oil market was steady.

# **BIRTHS RECORDED.**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 17.**—The following births were recorded today: John J. Smith, 1000 Main St.; Mary E. Pice, 3041 Thomas Ave.; and others.

# **STAGE OF RIVER**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 17.**—The stage of the river was steady today, with a few fluctuations. The water level was at 100 feet, and the current was strong.

# **DETAILED REPORT OF DAY'S TRADING IN WALL STREET**

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# **COTTON MARKET LOWER ON WALL STREET SELLING**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.**—The cotton market was lower today, with a few fluctuations. The price of cotton was at 100 cents, and the market was active.

# **NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 17.**—The stock market was active today, with a few fluctuations. The price of stocks was at 100 cents, and the market was steady.

# **NEW YORK BOND SALES.**

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# **Wool Market in Good Shape.**

**BOSTON, Dec. 17.**—The wool market was in good shape today, with a few fluctuations. The price of wool was at 100 cents, and the market was steady.

# **St. Louis Union Trust Pays Dividend.**

**ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.**—The St. Louis Union Trust paid a dividend today, with a few fluctuations. The dividend was at 100 cents, and the market was steady.

# **A. G. Edwards & Sons quoted rates.**

**ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.**—The A. G. Edwards & Sons quoted rates today, with a few fluctuations. The rates were at 100 cents, and the market was steady.

# **General Roofing Stock is Overvalued.**

**ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.**—The general roofing stock was overvalued today, with a few fluctuations. The price of roofing stock was at 100 cents, and the market was steady.

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# **MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 17.**—The miscellaneous markets were active today, with a few fluctuations. The price of miscellaneous goods was at 100 cents, and the market was steady.

# **LIVESTOCK.**

**ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.**—The livestock market was active today, with a few fluctuations. The price of livestock was at 100 cents, and the market was steady.

# **CHICAGO STRIKE SETTLEMENT**

**CHICAGO, Dec. 17.**—The Chicago strike settlement was active today, with a few fluctuations. The price of the settlement was at 100 cents, and the market was steady.

# **Primary Receipts and Shipments**

**ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.**—The primary receipts and shipments were active today, with a few fluctuations. The price of the receipts and shipments was at 100 cents, and the market was steady.

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# **RAILROADS**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 17.**—The railroad market was active today, with a few fluctuations. The price of railroad stocks was at 100 cents, and the market was steady.

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**WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.**—The winter wheat crop is placed at 540,000,000 bushels. The market is active, and the price of wheat is at 100 cents.

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## The Jarr Family

Written for the Post-Dispatch  
By Roy L. McCardell.

Mrs. Jarr Is Firm When She Says Jack Silver Mustn't Make Presents to the Children.

"GUESS whom I met today?" asked Mr. Jarr when he came home the other evening and presented his report. These reports are always presented by every husband in good standing as an excuse for being both married and alive. When not in good standing there are no reports, and when hangs heavily over the message.

"Who was it?" asked Mrs. Jarr. "Jack Silver? Did you tell him how the children are always asking when he is coming up to the house? The children don't like him, it is true, because bachelors have a testy way with children—but it is getting near Christmas, and Jack Silver has lots of money. Did you say, casually, how Willie is pestering you to get him a bicycle and how our little Emma is just wild for one of those children's fur sets that are more expensive than we can afford?"

"It wasn't Jack Silver," replied Mr. Jarr, interrupting the thread of her discourse and holiday hopes. "It was Charlie Soper."

"Oh, him!" retorted Mrs. Jarr, with the accent on the pronoun. "I hope you didn't lend him any money."

"He didn't ask for any. Charlie Soper is doing well. Making lots of money, he tells me."

"Did he pay you the money he owes you, then?" asked Mrs. Jarr.

"No," said Mr. Jarr. "I suppose he forgot it."

"Why did you forget it, if he looked nervous and said he was preoccupied? If he didn't look prosperous you would have dodged him, but as he did look prosperous you should have reminded him. How much was it, two dollars?"

"Something like that," replied Mr. Jarr. "But come to think of it, I met him at the ball game last August and he slipped me the two dollars he owed me."

"And you never said a word to me?" asked Mrs. Jarr.

"I think I lost it to him right back again, betting on the home team," said Mr. Jarr.

"Nerves you right for gambling!" Mrs. Jarr declared. "But you would have better off if you had brought those two dollars home to me."

Mr. Jarr said nothing for some time, and Mrs. Jarr grew curious.

"Why are you so silent? When you

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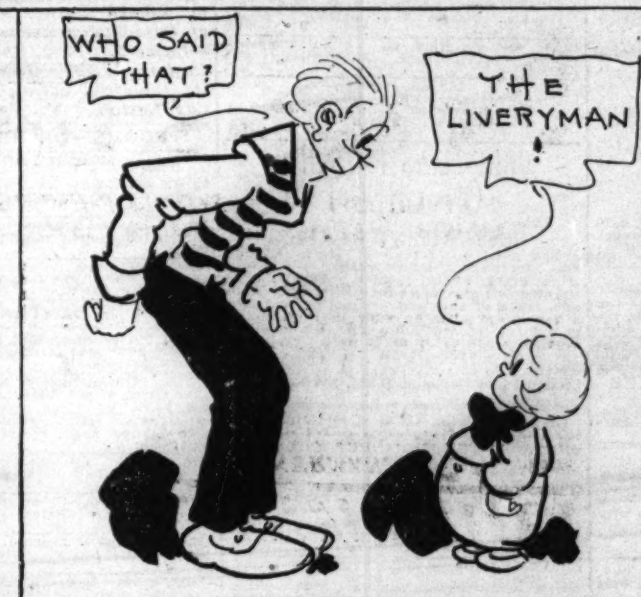
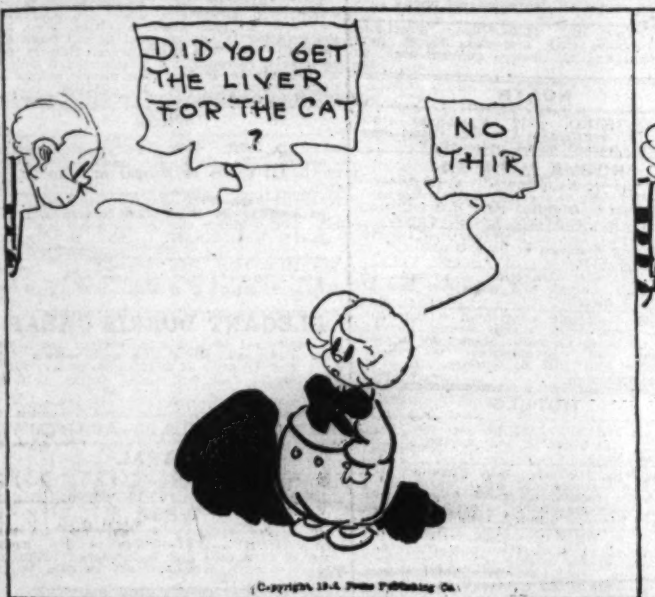
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## S'MATTER POP?

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first came in you were talkative enough."

"Well, you see, it's this way," ventured Mr. Jarr. "Charlie Soper asked after you and the children, and I in-

vited him to come up and see the fam- ily after supper tonight. He said we might celebrate meeting again after not seeing each other for so long by hav- ing Rangle over and maybe Jack Sil- ver in and play a little 5-cent ante."

"Why didn't you say so?" Mrs. Jarr inquired. "I am not a prude or a Puritan, and while I don't approve of card playing except maybe auction bridge in the afternoon with nice people, still if Jack Silver is coming—"

"For in Mrs. Jarr's mind there still lingered the great thought that Christ- mas comes but once a year, and we'll- to-do bachelors should be reminded of it."

"When you spoke of a little 5 cent bet on the baseball game as gambling I thought it was all off," mumbled Mr. Jarr.

"I do object to gambling, most cer- tainly," said Mrs. Jarr. "But I would far prefer you having your friends at home, even though you must play cards and turn your home into a cafe or club room. Still if you've invited Charlie Soper, and if you're sure Jack Silver will come—for Charlie Soper al- ways puts the children on the head and says how dogs and children and all animals come to him, but he never gives the children even a quarter to put in their little banks, I notice. While Jack Silver, who is so fussy about his clothes, always gives our Willie and little Emma a quarter each to run out and buy candy. I always say I can't permit the children accepting money, but Jack Silver won't accept the money back, because once our Willie sat on his knee and left finger marks on his

collar, and since then Jack Silver is very liberal to them, if they keep away."

"Great Scott!" said Mr. Jarr. "If you don't want the children to take

quarters from Jack Silver, why not keep the children out of his sight?"

"And I don't want him to give them quarters," remarked Mrs. Jarr with some asperity. "But a rich bachelor like

Jack Silver might do worse with his money than to make the children nice presents. Indeed, I shall be very angry if he offers them quarters! It won't do Jack Silver much good for them, when he comes here all the time, playing

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